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### PARAGRAPHS OF LOCAL AND GENERAL INTEREST.

—Plenty of music,  
—And good music, too,  
—At Ursinus College this week.  
—More rain beginning of the present week, and no corn planting.  
—The "good old summer time" will be likely to bring a big hay crop this year.

—Wheat fields in this section at present indicate a large yield.

—It always makes a lazy man unhappy to see another resting.—Chicago Record-Herald.

—When it comes to the sea of matrimony, there are fewer lobsters living in it than are sailing on it.—Dallas News.

—Word comes from Dixie that the late cold snap never touched the watermelon crop.

—Borough Treasurer J. G. Keck, and R. Morgan Root, of Pottstown, are candidates for delegates to the Democratic State Convention.

—Six grandsons of the late Henry M. Rhoads, acted as pall-bearers at his funeral in Reading.

—We are happiest under the influence of innocent delusions.—Goethe.

—While she was walking along a Reading street, a thief snatched a purse, containing \$38, from Mrs. Lizzie Hohl.

—John J. Radcliff is repainting the exterior of F. J. Clamer's residence.

—Trouble teaches men how much there is in manhood.—Beecher.

—No more frame buildings will be permitted to be erected in Pottstown's principal streets.

—Let us begin with ourselves when we wish to see the world around us bright.—Florida Times-Union.

—Too heavy to take over the Perkiomen road, a solid train of Lehigh Valley cars loaded with grain for export passed over the Reading road for Philadelphia.

—To be content with what we possess is the greatest and most secure of riches.—Cicero.

—The Berks and Montgomery Historical Societies will meet at Fagleyville and New Hanover shortly, to locate the sites of the encampment of the Revolutionary Army.

—Rather than pay his county tax for 1909, amounting to 30 cents, Lucas Grottab, of Reading, was sent to jail and will have to serve until he pays, though an unnaturalized citizen.

—Daniel B. Bowor, a Boyertown dentist, has retired after fixing molars and pulling incisors for a period of 43 years.

—The Schuylkill Valley Traction Company on Monday began to double-track its road on Main street from DeKalb to Walnut, Norristown, a distance of four squares.

—James Edwards, 91 years old, until recently a resident of Reading, who ran the engine Ariel from 1839 to 1847, is the oldest former employee of the Reading Railway, and now resides at Westport.

—"Hush! Hush! my boy you mustn't call your playmate a liar." "That's all right, ma. I didn't really mean it. We're playing government, and I'm being investigated."—Detroit Free Press.

### A Regular Tom Boy

was Susie—climbing trees and fences, jumping ditches, whittling, always getting scratches, cuts, sprains, bruises, bumps, burns or scalds. But laws! Her mother just applied Bucklan's Arnica Salve and cured her quick. Heals everything healable—Boils, Ulcers, Eczema, Old Sores, Corns or Piles. Try it. 25c., at Joseph W. Culbert's drug store, Collegeville, and at M. T. Hunsicker's store, Ironbridge.

### PERSONAL.

Virginia Potter has returned from a visit to Doylestown.

Mr. and Mrs. George Clamer and sons spent Sunday in Wissahickon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Halling and Charles Fitzgerald, of Schwenksville, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Houseman.

Dr. and Mrs. G. L. Omwake and son, have been spending some time at Atlantic City.

Horace M. Fetterolf, was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Fetterolf, Sunday.

Mrs. F. W. Scheuren spent Monday in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Wildman, of New York, is visiting Mrs. Henry Yost.

Mrs. F. W. Gristock spent Monday in the city.

John Gerhart, of Red Hill, was the visitor of Mr. and Mrs. William Renninger and son, Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. C. V. Honeyman and daughter, of Norristown, are spending the week with Mrs. A. Wismer.

Mrs. David was in Philadelphia over Sunday.

Miss White, of St. Johns, Canada, is paying a visit to Mrs. Clawson.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Espenship and family spent Sunday with Norristown relatives.

The following have been entertained by Mr. and Mrs. John Bartman, the past week: Mrs. Rossiter, Miss Rossiter, and Miss Mary D. Bechtel, of Philadelphia, Mrs. Mary Bechtel, Miss Reese, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tyson, and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Tyson.

Mrs. A. R. Thompson and her son Lawrence, visited relatives at Shippensburg the past week.

Mrs. Geo. Spangler, of Jenkintown, is visiting Dr. and Mrs. H. T. Spangler.

### Town Council Proceedings.

There being no quorum present at the meeting of Council, this borough, Friday evening, a special meeting was held on Monday evening. Mr. Bordner, chairman of the Street Committee, reported progress in street repairing. Mr. Culp, also of the Street Committee, directed attention to the accumulation of waste water filth in the gutter on Fifth avenue, near Main street, and it was ordered that the attention of the Board of Health be directed to take action to abate the nuisance.

The Street Committee was authorized to make substantial repairs to First avenue with stone and gravel, and the clerk was authorized to call the attention of the Burgess to the enforcement of the sidewalk and tree trimming ordinances. Mr. J. T. Ebert was granted permission to cut the curb and construct a driveway entrance to his property. In the matter of filling the vacancy in the Councilmanic body caused by the resignation of Harry Detwiler, E. S. Moser was duly nominated. Instead of proceeding to ballot on an aye and nay vote was taken, in compliance with the direction of Solicitor Hendricks. Messrs. Bordner, Burros, and Cornish voted aye; Messrs. Culp, Walt, and Miller, nay.

### Strawberry Festivals.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Trinity Reformed church, this borough, will hold a strawberry and ice cream festival on the church lawn on Saturday evening, May 28.

At a meeting of the Collegeville Fire Company, Thursday evening, it was decided to hold the annual strawberry and ice cream festival in Clamer's park on Saturday evening, June 25.

### Will Build a Bungalow.

J. U. Francis Jr., the well-known store merchant of Oaks, has purchased of E. S. Moser a hillside tract of land fronting 75 feet on the Perkiomen below Keyser's mill dam, upon which he is about to build an attractive bungalow.

### IMPORTANT MUSICAL EVENT AT URSINUS COLLEGE.

SECOND ANNUAL MAY FESTIVAL TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

LARGE AUDIENCES WILL BE PRESENT.

A large number of visitors will be attracted to this borough at the end of the present week by the May Musical Festival to be held in Bomberger Hall at Ursinus College on Thursday and Friday. Begun last year and very successfully launched, the May Festival will from all indications meet with even greater favor this year. The advance sale of seats has insured a capacity attendance at each of the three concerts. This musical event is held under the auspices of the Handel Choral Society, composed of the residents of this place musically inclined and a large number of the college students. The choral society has been drilling for months on the parts it will take in the festival. The Men's Glee Club and the Girls' Glee Club of Ursinus will also participate. The most notable feature of the events will be the efforts of four out-of-town singers of considerable ability and reputation. Miss Florence Hinkle, a prominent New York church vocalist, will be the soprano; Mrs. Russell King Miller, a Philadelphia baritone and oratorio singer, will take the contralto parts; Mr. Austin G. Hughes, a promising young artist of Philadelphia, will be the tenor, and Mr. Perley Dunn Aldrich, a noted Philadelphia baritone and composer who is well known to Collegeville audiences, will take a principal part. Mr. Stanley Muschamp, Chorus Master of the Philadelphia Operatic Society, will do the accompanying in his skilful and pleasing way. The program of the festival is as follows: On Thursday evening the leading features will be S. Colridge-Taylor's cantata, "Hiawatha's Wedding Feast," a prominent place will be given on Friday afternoon to a new cantata by Pery Dunn Aldrich entitled "The Sleeping Wood Nymph," dedicated to the Handel Choral Society and at that time to be given its first public rendition; and on Friday evening the oratorio, "Elijah," by Mendelssohn, will be rendered. A large organ has been rented of the Estey Company and will be used in the production of "Elijah."

### Team Collided With Trolley Car.

Saturday afternoon Wilmer Bauman of Schwenksville, accompanied by Harrison Ziegler, were driving on Main street in the upper part of this borough when the horse, frightened by a trolley car, caused a collision. The shaft struck the car and was broken, but this did not prevent the horse from running with the buggy as far as Yerkes before being captured. The same afternoon Mr. Bauman, who desires his Schwenksville neighbors to know that rum didn't figure in this accident, sold the horse and buggy to Mr. Espenship, the liveryman.

### Birthday Parties.

On Saturday afternoon a party was tendered a number of the young folks about town by Master Allen Hughes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hughes, in honor of his birthday and a pleasant afternoon it was for them all.

On the same afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fritchman, who reside at the college, where Mr. Fritchman is employed, entertained a number of the children of the public schools in honor of the birthday of their son.

### Fingers Cut Off.

Thomas Lawler, of Norristown met with a serious accident at the Grater-Bodey planing mill Friday. While he was operating a wood-working machine, his hand came in contact with the keen revolving blades, and the result will be that he will go through life minus three of the fingers of his left hand.

### BASEBALL.

One of the most creditable baseball victories achieved by Ursinus College this season was accomplished on Friday of last week over Seton Hall, at South Orange, N. J. Seton Hall invariably has a fast baseball team and this year's nine has defeated some of the strongest college teams in the country. Ursinus with Palmer in the box took them in tow, 4 to 3. The game was well played and exciting. The local college boys showed more of a disposition to hit than they have evinced at any time before when pitted against a strong pitcher. Seton Hall will play a return game at Collegeville on May 27. Horton, Ursinus' star twirler, had been saved for the contest with Pratt Institution at Brooklyn on Saturday, but this game proved to be a complete fiasco. Captain Iseberg's combination romped around the bases at will and the Pratt team never had a look-in. The game was concluded at the end of the eighth inning, when Ursinus was completely fatigued from running the bases enough to accumulate 14 runs, to their opponents lonely goose egg.

Beginning with Saturday, May 14, there will be at least one varsity game played here every week for the remainder of the season. Albright will be the attraction on Saturday, after which will follow Susquehanna, Dickinson, Seton Hall and Swarthmore—all strong teams.

The second team at Ursinus played two games at Bethlehem on Saturday. In the morning with Herman Mathieu, of Trappe, on the rubber, they ran away with Moravian College, 12 to 1, and in the afternoon lost a close and fast played contest to Bethlehem Preparatory School, 3 to 0. Saturday was the first time the Scrubs have gotten together and their work in both games was in sharp contrast with their playing against Reading and Lansdale High Schools. The Bethlehem Preparatory team is one of strongest aggregations playing at any secondary school.

It is with sorrow that we record the massacre of Collegeville High School by the Washington A. C. of Pottstown, 17 to 3. John, the Indian employed with R. H. Grater, pitched for the high school nine. The support accorded him was ragged and hence it was impossible to judge of his effectiveness. It was evident that the local team had tackled a nine out of their class. Collegeville High School has a clever little team but they should not tackle a club with whom they are not able to cope with something like equal chances.

### Auto Club Run.

Participants in the fourth annual reliability run of the Motor Club of Harrisburg, enroute for Atlantic City, passed through this borough on Monday.

### Another Automobile in Town.

Last week Joseph C. Landes, of this borough, purchased a new Overland touring car of a Norristown firm. Mr. Landes is fitting up his wagonhouse for a garage.

### Farmhouse Leased.

The substantial farmhouse, with all modern equipment, belonging to the David Allebach estate, this borough, has been leased to Joseph Landes of Norristown.

### \$100 REWARD. \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

### DEATHS.

Wm. E. Grubb died suddenly Thursday night at his residence at Trooper, aged 77 years. Three children survive: Charles, William, and Emma, at home. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon. Interment at the Lower Providence Presbyterian cemetery; undertaker J. L. Bechtel in charge.

Mary A., widow of the late William Steiner, died Saturday evening at her home near Ziegler'sville, aged 59. Two children survive—Annie, wife of Rev. John Hunsicker, and William Steiner, at home. Mrs. Oswin K. Schwenk is a surviving sister. The funeral was held on Wednesday. Interment at Keeler's cemetery; undertaker F. W. Shalkop in charge.

Samuel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Garges of Philadelphia, died of measles on Thursday, aged 10 years. The funeral was held on Monday. Interment in Schwenksville cemetery; undertaker F. W. Shalkop in charge.

Elias Beyer, for many years a resident of Worcester, died Saturday night at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Joseph Davies of Norristown. Deceased is survived by six children. Funeral on Tuesday. Interment at St. John's Lutheran cemetery, Centre Square.

Mrs. Margaret Deeds, widow of Albert Deeds, formerly of Lower Providence, died Sunday evening in Pottstown, aged 58 years. Three sons survive.

### Entertainment by Young People of Trinity Church.

The Sunday school room of Trinity Reformed church, this borough, was crowded Tuesday evening by an audience which gave appreciative attention to two hours of entertainment by the young folks of the church. The program consisted of piano solos, recitations, drills, a "joker" orchestra and a pantomime, all interestingly performed. Particularly pleasing was the flag drill. The children surprised their pastor and their Sunday school superintendent by calling for their presence upon the platform and presenting each with three dozen carnations. Dr. Omwake, the superintendent, was away because of illness. Mr. J. C. Landes received the flowers for him. The success of the entertainment was very largely due to the persistent efforts of Mrs. Frances Barrett, who had the affair in charge.

### To Install a Bread Mixer.

Charles Kubnt will make an important addition to the equipment of his bakery in this borough. He has ordered a large dough and cake mixer from a Philadelphia firm and expects to have it in use in a few weeks. A Gasoline engine will furnish the necessary power to operate the machine, which will prove a great saver of labor.

### Beyond the Building Line.

Laura S. Macher, Anna L. Ziegler, Mary C. Dallas, and Blanca A. Miller have instituted equity proceedings in court at Norristown to require John M. Ferguson to tear down second-story portions of three houses on St. Paul's road, Lower Merion, which are alleged to be beyond the building line of 35 feet from the front of the lots.

### Lion Fondles a Child.

In Pittsburg a savage lion fondled the hand that a child thrust into his cage. Danger to a child is sometimes great when least regarded. Often it comes through Colds, Croup, and Whooping Cough. They slay thousands that Dr. King's New Discovery could have saved. "A few doses cured our baby of a very bad case of Croup," writes Mrs. George B. Davis, of Flat Rock, N. C. "We always give it to him when he takes cold. It is a wonderful medicine for babies." Best for Coughs, Colds, LaGrippe, Asthma, Hemorrhages, Weak Lungs. 50c. \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by Joseph W. Culbert, druggist, Collegeville, and by M. T. Hunsicker, Ironbridge.

### Yellow Cow Lampblack—Murder The Sequel.

An application of lampblack had so changed the color of a yellow cow belonging to Frank G. Lauer, proprietor of the Sorrel Horse Hotel, near Greenlane, that it took two weeks before the owner and two constables, empowered with search warrants, could locate and identify the animal. Lauer's blooded Jersey cow wandered from her moorings several week ago, and no trace of the missing animal could be found. A herd of five cows on a farm in the neighborhood numbered six on clear days and only five on rainy ones. This fact aroused suspicion. Accompanied by Constable John Bittling, of Red Hill, the owner of the lost cow explained the extra animal for whose presence the owner could not account. After a close examination Mr. Lauer gave it up, saying, "She has the size, the missing tooth and her one hoof is chipped, but my cow was a yellow cow." Just then the constable stroked the cow gently, and the color of both his palm and the cow's coat of her hair changed slightly. After repeating the operation with increased pressure a bright yellow streak was revealed and a yellow cow was found and taken home.

The above circumstances resulted in murder on Sunday, and Percy Bracey, of near Pennsburg is in jail at Norristown for having fatally shot Curtis Weiss. The cow was found on Bracey's farm. The men met Sunday morning. Weiss taunted Bracey, and the latter applied a foul name to Weiss, who struck Bracey. Then the latter whipped out his revolver and fatally shot Weiss.

### Miss Williams Delights Lecture Course Audience.

Miss Blanche Nannette Williams, head of the Department of Public Speaking at Ursinus, gave the last number of the lecture course at the college, Thursday evening, in lieu of Rev. John F. Carson, who was unable to give his lecture as arranged, because of the illness of a near relative. It was Miss Williams' first introduction to a Collegeville audience but she now is possessed of an enviable reputation. Miss Williams is especially effective when reading funny selections and her interpretation of negro dialect and of Riley's inimitable humor is particularly life-like and charming. Not the least laudable of her efforts, however, was the reading of a pretty little poem in serious vein—"My Ships," by Wilcox.

### A Much Improved Road.

Within the past week Roadmaster Hiram Famous and his assistants have removed the loose gravel stones from the road leading from the Mennonite meeting house to Arcola in Upper Providence township. The work has been well done and that highway is very much improved, to the delight of all who travel upon it. Here's to the road authorities and their representatives of Upper Providence. The INDEPENDENT would rather print at any time a hundred words of commendation than a single word of censure.

### A Big Corn Patch.

Postmaster F. E. Hollar, of Shippensburg, has thrown a tract of 325 acres of farm land into one unbroken fenceless field and corn will be planted in the entire acreage. Sixteen plow teams were engaged at one time last week turning over the soil. The land lies along the turnpike within a mile east of Shippensburg.

### Old Deed.

An old real estate deed of transfer, issued in 1777, was filed, last week at the court house. It records the sale of a plantation in Limerick township by Peter Egner, yeoman to James Craig, a mariner. The price paid for 152 acres was "1000 pounds lawful money of the State of Pennsylvania"—in value about five thousand dollars.



# THE INDEPENDENT

TERMS—\$1.00 PER YEAR  
IN ADVANCE.

Thursday, May 12, 1910.

## CHURCH SERVICES.

St. James' Church, Lower Providence, Rev. F. S. Ballew, pastor. Morning service and sermon, 10.30. Sunday School, 9.15 a. m. Holy Communion, First Sunday in the month. All are cordially invited and welcome.

Trinity Reformed Church, Collegeville, Rev. F. C. Yost, D. D., pastor. Services next Sunday at 10 a. m. Sunday School at 9. Junior Christian Endeavor at 2 p. m., and Senior O. E. at 7 p. m.

Parish of St. Paul's Memorial, Audubon, Oakes, Perkiomen. The Rev. Geo. W. Barnes, Rector, Oakes P. O., Pa. Bell phone 4-38 T. Church services on Sundays: Audubon—Union Church, 10.45 a. m. Oakes—St. Paul's, 8 a. m.; Sunday School, 2.15 p. m. Choral Evensong, 8.30-7.45 p. m. (alternately). Vested Choir at Oakes. Hearty welcome at all services.

Evansburg M. E. Church.—Sunday School at 9.45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.

St. Luke's Reformed Church, Trappe, Rev. S. L. Messenger, D. D., pastor. Sunday School at 8.45 a. m. Preaching at 10 a. m. and 7.45 p. m. Junior Endeavor prayer meeting at 2 p. m. Y. P. S. O. E. prayer meeting at 6.45 p. m. Bible study meeting on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. All are most cordially invited to attend the services.

Passenger trains leave Collegeville for Philadelphia: 7.03, 7.45, 11.27 a. m., 6.05 p. m. Sundays—7.13 a. m., 6.39 p. m. For Allentown: 7.45, 11.02 a. m., 2.57, 6.05 p. m. Sundays—9.02 a. m., 7.39 p. m.

## LOCAL, COUNTY AND STATE NEWS.

### The White Plague.

Statistics for the month of February were compiled by the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the State Department of Health and show that tuberculosis of the lungs caused the death of 795 persons in all parts of the state during that month. Tuberculosis of other organs killed 116 others during the same period. This total is somewhat higher than some months have shown in the past, due in all probability to the rigors of the winter, but the aggregate of deaths during the month was far lower than was usually the case before Commissioner of Health Samuel G. Dixon undertook his intelligent campaign against the white plague.

### Payment of Debts Before Tombstones.

"A man's debts must be paid before for marking the resting place of his body," said Judge Bland of Reading, Friday, in passing upon a petition presented on behalf of the accountant, and the children of the late Reuben L. Reifsnyder, of Roscombanner township, seeking an order for \$35 allowance for the tombstone. The estate is insolvent. "Any man who can borrow as much money on no security as the decedent did in this estate," remarked Walter B. Craig, representing a creditor, "is entitled to a tombstone over his grave. As far as my client is concerned, we are willing to submit the petition." The court would not allow the petition, however, as the claims aggregate three times the amount of money left by the decedent.

### Free Newspaper Advertising.

The Germantown Independent-Gazette voices the sentiment of many newspaper proprietors, when it says with regard to free puffs: "There are still a large proportion of people who seem to think that newspapers are conducted chiefly to help others make money, without regard to the profits and loss of the proprietors of the papers. Some of these people send the newspapers boosting notices about themselves and forget to sign their names. Others who pay for a 50-cent advertisement look for \$2 worth of free reading matter as a bonus. Others give entertainments for churches or other institution and after having all the printing done elsewhere they ask the paper to publish a long announcement of the entertainment, and never so much as offer complimentary tickets in return for the courtesy. But the smoothest of all the free advertising dodges in the plan adopted by various large corporations which, instead of buying advertising space, hire a skilled press agent. He sends out to the papers beautiful little stories which, disguised as news carry advertising likely to bring many dollars into the treasury of the corporation. One of the big railroad companies is doing that sort of thing just now. But the newspapers' reticence of abolished railroad passes is still so vivid

that a free puff for a railroad has as much chance of attaining publicity as the time honored snowball has of surviving in the realms of Mephistopheles."

### Acetylene Lights.

Mrs. John Barrett is having acetylene gas fixtures installed in her store and residence by G. F. Clamer.

### A Year Without a Summer.

The year 1816 has a remarkable cold weather record and is known as "the year without a summer." In that year there was a sharp frost in every month, and the people all over the world began to believe that some great and definite change in the earth was taking place. The farmers used to refer to it as "eighteen-hundred-and-starve-to-death." Frost, ice and snow were common in June. Almost every green thing was killed and the fruit was nearly all destroyed. During that month snow fell to the depth of three inches in New York and Massachusetts and ten inches in Maine. There were frosts and ice in July in New York, New England and Pennsylvania and corn was nearly all destroyed in certain sections. Ice half an inch thick formed in August. A cold north wind prevailed all summer.

### The Percheron the Most Popular Horse in the State.

Judging by numbers of pure bred stallions registered the Percheron is the most popular horse in Pennsylvania, there being no less than 279 pure bred horses of that type now standing in the State. The Percheron is one of the best draft horses known, and he seems to thrive as well in this country as in his native home. The Percheron takes its name from the district of La Perche, in France. The breed derived its size and weight from the ancient Black horse breed of Flanders, and its style and quality from sires of the Oriental breeds, notably from the gray Arab stallions, Godolphin and Gallipoli. The modern Percheron stands 16 hands high and over, weighs from 1700 to 2200 pounds, and is white, gray or black in color. He has an intelligent head, of a type peculiar to the breed; rather small ears and eyes; short, strongly muscled neck; strong, well-laid shoulders and chest; a plump, rotund body; strong back, heavy quarters and somewhat drooping croup. He usually is low down and blocky, on short, clean legs.

## From Correspondents.

### GRATERFORD.

Russell K. Wismer, of Norristown, spent Saturday and Sunday with I. F. Kulp.

The Mennonite Brethren in Christ will have their weekly prayer-meeting next week on Thursday evening May 19, at the home of Rev. R. Bergstresser.

Services on Sunday at the home of Clinton Hartzel, near Creamery, at 2 p. m., and on Tuesday evening May 17, at the County Home by A. A. Wismer.

M. B. in C. Gratersford Sunday School at 9.15; preaching at 10.15 by Rev. R. Bergstresser.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Wismer and daughter spent Monday in Chester county.

Tilghman Houseman moved into the house, vacated by M. M. Leatherman a few weeks ago, on Monday of this week.

Mary L. Schwenk, of Norristown, is spending a few days with her father, A. J. Schwenk.

The old saying is true, "chickens come home to roost." Mary Copenhafer and friend spent Sunday at Linfield with her brother John.

### An Ideal Husband

si patient, even with a nagging wife, for he knows she needs help. She may be so nervous and run down in health that trifles annoy her. If she is melancholy, excitable, troubled with loss of appetite, headache, sleeplessness, constipation or fainting and dizzy spells, she needs Electric Bitters—the most wonderful remedy for ailing women. Thousands of sufferers from female troubles, nervous troubles, backache and weak kidneys, have used them and become healthy and happy. Try them. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by Joseph W. Culbert, druggist, Collegeville, and by M. T. Hunsicker, Ironbridge.

## TRAPPE.

Hugh McLaughlin was given a hearing before Squire Shalkop, on Wednesday of last week, on the charge of larceny and receiving stolen property. It appeared in evidence that 46 chickens had disappeared from the premises of Rev. R. Bergstresser, of near Gratersford, and that the chickens were subsequently found at McLaughlin's home. The defendant was placed under \$300 bail to appear at court.

A regular meeting of the Town Council was held Saturday evening. In addition to the usual routine business the tax-rate was fixed at 5 1-10 mills, the same as last year. Ordinances relating to the paving of sidewalks and to the removal of snow were introduced and passed first reading. A Resolution imposing a fine of \$10 upon persons found guilty of depositing rubbish on the streets was adopted.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Rambo visited Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Schlotterer of Zieglerstown, Sunday.

The epidemic of measles continues without much abatement.

Robert Potts, Republican candidate for the Legislature, third district, was in town last week.

David G. Tyson is placing a concrete walk in front of his property.

M. H. Keeler visited Mr. and Mrs. John T. Miller in Philadelphia, Sunday.

Miss Bertha Reiff spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives in Worcester.

When certain college boys and some other boys go to church they should do their talking before and after services.

The family of Isaiah Reiff removed on Tuesday to Kimberton, Chester county, where Mr. Reiff is operating the mill he purchased some time ago.

Mrs. Shuler, wife of Daniel Shuler Jr., is among those who are suffering with the measles.

Misses Josephine Rhoades and Ethel Sipple attended the May Day Revels at Bryn Mawr on Saturday.

Mrs. Wanner is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Miller, at East Berlin, Pa.

There will be services in the Lutheran church next Sunday morning at 10.15 and in the evening at 7.30. The regular monthly meeting of the Pastor's Aid Society will be held next Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and will be followed by the Mission Study Class at 3 o'clock. On May 22 there will be no services. The pastor will then be in attendance at the meeting of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, which convenes on May 19 in St. John's church, Philadelphia, to continue for a week. E. G. Brownback is delegate to the convention.

A regular meeting of the School Board was held Monday night. The usual routine business was transacted. It was decided to hold the annual commencement in Masonic Hall on June 3.

On Monday last the Schuylkill Valley Pastoral Association, after a season of strenuous work in the different towns of the Valley, met in the study of Augustus Lutheran church. The historical associations, the purer air, the classic surroundings all lent their charm and helped to make the meeting interesting and profitable. Rev. G. A. Kercher of Norristown is President and Rev. M. A. Kurtz of Boyertown, secretary. Rev. U. U. Kistner of Pennsylvania read an exhaustive dissertation on The Platonic Movement and its influence on present religious tendencies. Rev. N. E. Miller of Phoenixville, President of the Norristown Conference was also present.

### Former Ursinus Academy Boy Elopes with Norristown Girl.

Nicholas Menendez, of Havana, Cuba, for several years previous to the present term a student at Ursinus Academy, was on Tuesday married at Wilmington, Del., to Miss Edna Mitchner, of Norristown. Menendez has been attending Schissler's business college and boarded with Mrs. William Mitchner. In the course of time he formed friendship with her daughter. The young people left on Tuesday morning under the pretext of taking a jaunt to Philadelphia. In the afternoon Mrs. Mitchner received a phone call from Wilmington informing her of the wedding.

## LIMERICK.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunsicker spent Sunday with their son Clarence, of Pottstown.

Mrs. Sallie Poley returned home last week.

Master Frank Schlichter has the measles.

Mrs. Linford Schlichter and her daughter Margaret have returned to the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Schlichter.

We are waiting to see the signboards which the Supervisors intend putting up.

The L. A. C. chalked down another victory on Saturday when they triumphed over the strong Sanatoga nine by a score of 9 to 2. Weaver again pitched winning ball for Limerick, but a few errors at unfortunate times resulted in the scoring of 2 runs for the Sanatogians. The feature of the game was the running catch made by Savage out in center. The attendance on Saturday was about 125. It is certain an encouragement to have so many people turn out. The umpires were Kline and scorer E. Graber. Time—1 h. and 50 m.

Paul Kline spent Saturday and Sunday in Philadelphia.

Following is the report of the examination in Limerick township last week, fractions omitted: Seniors—LeRoy Brooke, 93; Wm. McClure, 89; Helen Miller, 85; Howard Spare, 88; Robert Ziegler, 84; Mary Evans, 84; Norman Rhodes, 81; Bertram Cassler, 77; Jessie Leiby, 78. Juniors—Ernest Graber, 90; Wilbur Conner, 81.1; Raymond Spalk, 75.4; Russel Longaker 76.4; Carl Yeagle, 77.3; Hiram Gottshall, 82.6; Earl Kaiser, 75.5; Theo. Bonz, 84.1; Geo. Peterman, 86.3; Reynolds Linderman, 79.2; Horace Landis, 74.7; Loreta Remington, 80.1; Annie Geiger, 75.1; Mary Hutt, 80.3; Reba Shatz, 75.3; Helen Brooke, 85.3; Vitalys Yorgey, 80.5; Violet Poley, 84.5; Edna Grubb, 79.7; Edna Issett, 81.6; Ida Triuty, 75.4; Mary Spalde, 84.7; Bessie Gottshall, 84.2.

## SCHWENKSVILLE.

The Young People's Guild will meet on Saturday evening at the new Lutheran parsonage.

The Pathfinders of the Reformed church will hold their strawberry and ice cream festival on June 4.

Holy Communion was administered in the Mennonite church on Sunday.

Grover Schlotterer was in town on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Halling and Charles C. Fitzgerald spent a few days recently with Mr. and Mrs. Houseman of Collegeville.

Wilmer Bauman and Harrison Ziegler spent Saturday in Collegeville.

Misses Cordie and Erma Halling are ill with the measles.

Mrs. I. Rahn and her daughter Bertha, of Perkiomenville, visited Mr. and Mrs. John Rahn and family on Sunday.

M. M. Kremer is moving his frame building back from the Main street.

Mrs. S. S. Walt is seriously ill. Rev. N. F. Schmidt delivered his lecture "The Game of Life" at the Perkiomen Seminary on Friday, and it was deservedly appreciated.

Miss Lulu Schmidt, of Philadelphia visited Rev. N. F. Schmidt and family last week.

Robert Whitman spent Monday at Royersford.

Geo. Fox, of Sumneytown visited his mother and sister on Monday.

Meeting of the High School Literary Society in Bromer's Hall, Friday evening. A program will be rendered.

The High School team played a pick-up-nine from Greenlane and Zieglerstown on Saturday.

The 75th anniversary of the Lutheran church and the 21st of the pastorate of Rev. N. F. Schmidt was celebrated Sunday at the morning and evening services. Rev. O. P. Smith D. D., of Pottstown, occupied the pulpit in the morning and Rev. N. E. Miller, of Phoenixville in the evening. German services next Sunday at 10.15 a. m.; Sunday school at 9.15 a. m.

"Were you satisfied with the moving van men you had?" "Not at all. They didn't leave any of our good pieces of furniture on the front lawn for the neighbors to see."—Detroit Free Press.

## EVANSBURG.

Mr. and Mrs. Matlock Hessler of Philadelphia spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Litchfield and family of Philadelphia visited Aaron Musick on Sunday.

Miss Emily Litchfield, of Philadelphia is spending the summer with her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Musick.

Miss Rosa Filman, of Norristown visited Ephraim Young Saturday and Sunday.

The banana social at the home of Edward Gordon on Saturday evening was quite a success.

Miss Jeannette Dawson, of Philadelphia, spent Saturday and Sunday with B. L. Kauffman and family.

Mr. James Dawson, of Philadelphia visited Dr. M. Y. Weber on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Levis and family, of Audubon, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Wanner.

Census enumerator Wm. R. Schoeck will finish his work this week.

The children's day exercises of the M. E. church will be held on June 12.

The infant son of Edward and Annie Vargues, born on Saturday morning, died Tuesday morning.

All the members of the senior class in our public schools have passed their examinations. The annual commencement will be held on Thursday afternoon, June 2, in the Baptist church.

## IRONBRIDGE.

H. W. Ringler Sr. is doing well since being operated upon.

W. J. Ogden sold his horse to a Philadelphia party.

M. T. Hunsicker, the delegate from Camp 267, P. O. S. of A., attended the convention of the Funeral Benefit Association held at Philadelphia last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Custer, accompanied by Miss Kate Detwiler, spent last Tuesday with Mrs. David Custer of Fairview, Pa.

Mrs. M. T. Hunsicker is suffering with sore eyes.

Edward Pole and family spent several days with A. P. Spare.

Do not forget the preaching in the Union chapel this Sunday evening by an Ursinus College student.

Geo. F. Rosenberger has completed his work as census enumerator.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley H. Hunsicker of Norristown spent Saturday and Sunday with H. T. Hunsicker.

There was a good turnout at the meeting of the Silver Link Literary Society on Saturday evening to enjoy a very interesting program.

Miss Myrtle Williams, of Arcola, spent Saturday with Miss Ada Gottshalk.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Walker Kelley were seen in town on Monday.

Mr. B. H. Geise, of Allentown, spent Saturday and Sunday with M. T. Hunsicker and family.

John K. Rawn, of Phoenixville, spent Sunday in visiting friends here.

## INCREASE IN STEEL CARS.

The number of all-steel cars in use on the railroads of this country is increasing rapidly, and in the near future these will be the rule on every line entering seriously into the passenger-carrying traffic. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has been among the most persistent in the introduction of these cars of metal. It is less than four years ago that the first order was given by the company for its first steel cars, and at the present time there are now in the service 325 steel cars. These are generally passenger coaches, although they are to be found in every branch of the service. Another notable leader in this direction is the Pullman Company, which will soon have on tracks 500 dining and sleeping cars, while an order for 250 more has been given and their construction will be proceeded with as expeditiously as possible. The use of the steel freight cars has been greatly extended in the past few years. The Pennsylvania Company has recently given a notable order for the building of 10,000 cars of 70 tons capacity. The minimum weight of these cars and load may reach 100 tons.

## YERKES.

Mr. John Troutman visited his mother in Berks county on Sunday.

Eli Fry Wismer had to postpone his singing class on Monday evening on account of illness.

Ed. Detwiler is the new apprentice at Landes Brothers.

Lewis Woelfel and Frank McArdle enjoyed a joy ride in an automobile on Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Landis entertained the singing class one evening last week.

Mr. and Mrs. James G. Detwiler visited Mr. and Mrs. Peter Colehauer on Sunday.

Mrs. Martin Reiner and daughter Agnes visited in Phoenixville on Saturday.

Miss Cora Detwiler and Miss Edna Landis visited in Centre Square last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Landis entertained Mr. and Mrs. Wynn and daughter on Sunday.

Master Arlington Detwiler and sister Gwendolyn visited their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Beyer, in Roxborough on Saturday and Sunday.

The meeting of the Crescent Literary Society of Yerkes will be postponed until June 4. All who will take part in the mock trial will meet for rehearsal on Saturday evening, May 21. The trial will be held on Saturday evening, May 23, in the Mennonite schoolhouse. Further announcement later.

## OAKS.

Love Feast will be held in the Green Tree church this Saturday evening, May 14. The pastor, Rev. Mr. McKee, wishes a good representation of the members of the congregation and wants every one to be there. Members from other congregations of the denomination are especially invited to attend, and arrangements will be made to make all things pleasant during their stay.

There is to be a wedding in our town shortly, as there are invitations out.

A festival is to be held by the citizens of Port Kennedy on Kenhurst Lawn, in front of the sanitarium located in that village. The proceeds of said festival is to be put to cleaning up the place and a general improvement of the village; and sometime the place may be a borough, providing the census report will show the number of citizens requisite to warrant incorporation. Years ago Port Kennedy was a busy town, a great home market; but those days are past. The asbestos and magnesite works give employment to a goodly number of workmen. The Phoenixville and Stratford Trolley Line will come to Port Kennedy.

The W. C. T. U. held a Mother's meeting at the home of Mrs. Joseph Fitzwater, Indian Rock Farm, Wednesday afternoon, May 11. Notice of the same was received too late for publication in the INDEPENDENT. The meeting was a successful one, and was made more interesting by the presence of Mrs. Hyde, County Superintendent, and Mrs. Green, wife of Dr. Green, pastor of the First Baptist church, Phoenixville, who addressed the meeting.

James Brower, of Port Providence, storekeeper there for many years, has sold out and moved to Phoenixville, where he proposes to open a store.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Sons of Veterans propose to give the Comrades of Post 45, Phoenixville, a feed, Friday evening.

Dr. and Mrs. Brown went to Camden, N. J., Saturday.

George W. Brown, Sr., will represent the Penna. R. R. Company in the International Air Brake Convention, to be held at Indianapolis, Ind., this week.

Perkiomen and Oaks was well represented in Phoenixville, Saturday evening.

Abe Brower, Lew Famous, Howard Yocum, and Mrs. Shunk were the first to see the comet, and we have yet to see it. A friend said he wouldn't get up to see the comet if it came in his bedroom window. Well, we guess not, if it is laden down with all kind of gases the scientists have been gassing about; pellagra, hook worms and Rockefeller odoridium he'd be asphyxiated. There are two other comets wandering around somewhere. Then we are to have an eclipse of the sun and the moon, and we might have a democratic eclipse in November. All these conditions exert an influence on the atmosphere we know not of, for this is a wonderful world proving the might, the majesty of the maker of heaven and earth.

The thermometer marked thirty-six Friday morning, and there was frost sufficient to make a good-sized snowball. Small gardeners or those who have small gardens are about discouraged. Much replanting will have to be done.

The Honorable Secretary of State Knox visited his Valley Forge farm and rode over the park on horseback.

King Edward is dead, and his reign was a short one; and our distinguished citizen will be greatly disappointed in not shaking him by the hand.

John Cox is dead. He was a soldier in the civil war, a member of the Wetherill Blues, and in the same company with Captain Fetterolf. Forty-seven years ago he was in the battle of Chancellorsville, in the forest of humiliation, until General Grant took command, when he not only filled it with dead men, but blazed a triumphal passageway to the end.

Don't forget our honorable neighbor, John P. Bartman, is a candidate for the Legislature.



PUBLIC SALE OF  
FRESH COWS!

Will be sold at public sale on MONDAY, MAY 16, 1910, at Perkiomen Bridge hotel, a carload of fresh cows from Centre county. Gentlemen, I think this is as fine a lot of milkers as I have brought to this market for a long time. Come and see them and judge for yourselves. Also two stock bulls; one of them, I think, is hard to beat. Sale at 2 o'clock. Conditions by J. W. MITTERLING.

L. H. Ingram, auct. J. W. S. Gross, clerk.

PUBLIC SALE OF ONE CAR-  
LOAD OF  
Lebanon County Cows!  
ONE STOCK BULL.

Will be sold at public sale on THURSDAY, MAY 12, 1910, at Beckman's hotel, Trappe, Pa., one carload of big, straight Lebanon county fresh and springer cows. These are large cows, good feeders and large milkers. They are the right kind. Also one nice stock bull. Sale at one o'clock p. m. Conditions by JONAS P. FISHER.

F. H. Peterman, Auctioneer.  
M. B. Linderman, Clerk.

PUBLIC SALE OF  
FRESH COWS!  
AND 125 INDIANA COUNTY SHOATS  
AND PIGS!

Will be sold at public sale on TUESDAY, MAY 17, 1910, at Limerick Centre hotel, 21 extra fine Western Pennsylvania fresh cows and 125—no less—shoats and pigs, well bred and thrifty. Also 2 seed hogs, 1 Chester White and 1 Y. C. Among this lot of choice cows are several Holsteins and Durhams that are as fine in quality as any cows shipped by anybody in a long time. Don't miss this opportunity, farmers and dairymen. Sale at 1.30. Conditions by J. D. McKALIP.

F. H. Peterman, Auctioneer.  
M. B. Linderman, Clerk.

PUBLIC SALE OF  
REAL ESTATE  
AND HOUSEHOLD GOODS!

Will be sold at public sale on the premises, on THURSDAY, MAY 26, 1910, the following real estate belonging to the estate of Elizabeth W. Grubb, late of Collegeville, deceased: A frame and slate house, and lot, fronting on Fifth avenue, borough aforesaid. The lot has a frontage of 90 feet and a depth of about 300 feet. The house contains two rooms and kitchen on first floor, four rooms on second floor, partly celled attic, and cellar. A never-failing well of water at the door. This property is very desirably located, is in good repair, and merits the attention of home-seekers.

Also at the same time and place the following household goods belonging to the estate of deceased: Bedsteads and bedding, two feather beds, very old counterpane in good condition, bureau, chairs, tables, lounge, rag and ingrain carpets, old cherry corner cupboard, a fine one; spinning wheel and reel, half-barrel copper kettle, cook stove, small stoves, old-fashioned wood chest, clock, large assortment of dishes, crockery, knives and forks, table linen, and many other articles not here enumerated. Sale at 1 o'clock. Conditions will be made known by D. E. GRUBB, Administrator.

L. H. Ingram, auct.

BREED TO THE Handsome Vir-  
ginia Bred Percheron  
Stallion  
Fitzhugh Lee

DESCRIPTION: Fitzhugh Lee is a dark dapple grey stallion, standing 16 hands, 1 inch high, weighing 1500 pounds, sired by an imported Percheron Stallion and a native Virginia mare. This horse was bred and raised at Dayton, Rockingham county, Virginia, and is acknowledged by horsemen as having the best conformation, style and action of any stallion ever offered at public service in Chester and Montgomery counties. He is a horse of great intelligence and the best of disposition. His colts in Virginia all show the stamp of the horse. He is a sure foal getter, having eighty-four mares safe in foal from the last season of 1909.

SEASON 1910: During season of 1910 this stallion will stand every FRIDAY and SATURDAY at BLACK ROCK HOTEL, Upper Providence, near Montgomery County Home.

\$10 to insure a mare with foal. Persons parting with a mare before she is known to be in foal will be held for the service fee. J. A. RHODES, Phoenixville P. O. Bell Phone 625-R.

## POLITICAL.

FOR THE LEGISLATURE,  
Third District.  
John H. Bartman,

COLLEGEVILLE, PA. Subject to the rules of the Republican party. Primary election, June 4, 1910. 3-31.

FOR THE LEGISLATURE,  
(Third District.)  
G. GUY MILLER,

OF TRAPPE, subject to strict Republican rules. Primary election: June 4, 1910. 4-14.

**ESTATE NOTICE.**  
Estate of William H. Stroud, deceased. Letters testamentary on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having legal claims to present the same without delay to DR. SAMUEL B. HORNING, MARY E. STROUD, Executors, Collegeville, Pa. Or to their attorney, Thomas Hallman, Collegeville, Pa. 4-28.

WHEN YOU WANT TO BUY  
OR SELL REAL ESTATE

It is an easy matter to inquire of us and we will certainly be pleased to give your inquiry immediate attention. If we don't succeed in doing business with you the loss is ours, not yours.

BROWN, CLOUD & JOHNSON,  
39 E. Main Street,  
Norristown, Pa.

SHERIFF'S SALE OF  
REAL ESTATE!

By virtue of a writ of Levari Facias issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Montgomery county, to me directed, will be sold at public sale, on WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 1910, at one o'clock p. m., in Court Room No. 1, at the Court House, in the borough of Norristown, said county, the following described real estate: All that certain message and tract of land situate in Upper Providence township, said county, to wit: Beginning at the side of a public road, bounded by lands now or late of Wm. W. Taylor, Thomas Radcliff, Henry C. Hunsicker and others, containing 72 acres and 145 perches of land, more or less. The improvements are a 2 1/2 story stone dwelling house, 40 ft. by 19 ft., with a two-story annex 19 ft. by 18 ft., three rooms on first floor, four rooms on second floor, garret, cellar, porch front and back; cave; stone and frame barn 50 ft. by 35 ft., stable for 6 horses and 24 cows; frame wagon house 21 ft. by 31 ft.; stone and frame addition to barn 30 ft. by 18 ft.; 2 corncribs, chicken house, pig pen, 3 wells of water, other outbuildings. Seized and taken in execution as the property of Amos G. Gotwals, mortgagor, and Joseph D. Pendleton, real owner, and to be sold by CHAUNCEY J. BUCKLEY, Sheriff. Down money \$100.00. Sheriff's Office, Norristown, Pa. April 28, 1910.

**FOR SALE.**  
A thoroughbred Jersey bull, 9 months old, grandson of Eminent Second out of a granddaughter of Flying Fox. Apply to HARRY S. SHAINLINE, Near Trappe. 5-12-3t.

**FOR SALE.**  
An established restaurant and ice cream parlor, well equipped and doing a business of about \$5000 yearly. Can be purchased very reasonable. Owner selling on account of sickness. Early possession will be given. Monthly rent, \$20. DEHAVEN & JONES, 5-12-3t. Conshohocken, Pa.

**FOR SALE.**  
A Cadillac runabout and touring car, fully equipped and in good running order. Price: \$150. Can be seen at 711 DEKALB STREET, Norristown, Pa. 5-12-3t.

**FOR SALE.**  
A new Walter Wood mowing machine—a good mower at the right price. Apply to HORACE J. SMITH, Upper Providence. R. D. 3, Royersford, Pa. 4-7.

**EGGS FOR HATCHING.**  
Eggs for hatching from Rose Comb Rhode Island Reds, good strains, for sale at 60 and 75 cents per setting or \$4 per hundred, straight. H. M. SLOTTNER, 8-31. Collegeville, Pa.

**BUILDING LOTS FOR SALE.**  
A few choice lots \$53350 ft.; within three minutes' walk of trolley in borough of Trappe. Good location, splendid view; prices reasonable. Apply to R. F. PARKS, Trappe, Pa. 8-24.

**FOR SALE.**  
Stone dwelling house located on Main street, Collegeville, containing 11 rooms. One of the most prominent locations in the borough. Apply to A. D. FETTEROLE, 12-16. Collegeville, Pa.

**EGGS FOR HATCHING.**  
Rose Comb Brown Leghorns—75 cts. for 15; \$4 per hundred. Orders received now for 2-day old chicks, one hundred—ten dollars; fifty for six dollars. All from regular egg machines. 2-10-3m. H. R. PARKER, Trappe, Pa.

**FOR SALE.**  
A No. 7 Commercial Cook Stove, made by Yeager and Hunter. Apply to J. C. LANDES, Collegeville, Pa. 4-28-3t.

**EGGS FOR HATCHING.**  
White Buff and Partridge Wyandotte eggs, \$1.00 per 15; Single Comb Brown Leghorns, 60 cents per 15, or \$3.00 per 100. Apply at MEADOW BROOK FARM, Wm. R. Johnson, Gratersford, Pa. 4-28-4t.

**FOR SALE.**  
Several tons of wheat straw at \$12 per ton at farm on Black Rock Road. 4-21. CHARLES E. LONGACRE

**FOR RENT.**  
Dwelling house, six rooms, at Spring Valley, Trappe. Apply to W. W. ALLEBACH. 4-21.

**FOR RENT.**  
Two 7-room houses on Fifth avenue, Collegeville. For particulars apply to DR. S. B. HORNING, 3-3. Collegeville, Pa.

**FOR RENT.**  
The house, with 13 rooms, on the David Allebach farm, Collegeville. Apply to A. T. ALLEBACH, 8-10. Collegeville, Pa.

**ESTATE NOTICE.**  
Estate of Charles T. Davis, late of Lower Providence township, Montgomery county, deceased. Letters of administration on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having legal claims to present the same without delay to JOHN R. DAVIS, Administrator. R. D. 3, Norristown, Pa. Or his attorney, H. L. Shomo, Norristown, Pa. 4-7.

**ESTATE NOTICE.**  
Estate of John Rhoads, deceased. Letters of administration, d. b. n. c. t. a., having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having legal claims to present the same, without delay, to GERTRUDE R. WAGONER, Administratrix. J. Whitaker Thompson, attorney. 4-14-4t.

## "LEARN A TRADE!"

Boys and young men wanted, to learn useful trades: Machinists, Draughting, Iron, Steel and Brass Moulding, Die-Sinking, Pattern Making, etc.

Applicants must be at least sixteen years old. Apply in person or by letter to "Over-seer of Apprentices, Bethlehem Steel Company, South Bethlehem, Penna." 4-14-4t.

## CONDENSED NEWS ITEMS.

Thursday, May 5.  
Walter Smith, twenty-four years old, has confessed, according to the police, to setting fire twice to the Grand Opera House at Dubuque, Ia., during a performance.

Using bare fists, David Caldwell and Otto George, high school boys, fought an eight-round battle at San Mateo, Cal. Caldwell won by a knock-out. The boys are said to be rivals in love.

Two men were killed and nine persons severely injured in a wreck on the Ohio Electric railroad near Urbana, O. A freight car broke away from a trolley express and plunged into a passenger car.

Friday, May 6.  
Fire destroyed the art metal works of Simon Aaronson, at Newark, N. J., with \$100,000 damage, and at the same hour burned out his house in New York city.

Operations of a forger named Cohen, who secured almost \$5000 in cash, have just been revealed by the officials of the National Shawmut bank at Boston. Three forged checks bore the name of a prominent banker.

Joseph Vanthier was acquitted at New Orleans of the charge of bigamy after his attorney made the plea that the defendant was the father of nine children. Vanthier claimed that he was intoxicated when he committed the crime.

W. R. Brookins, of Dayton, O., one of the student aviators under Orville Wright, made his first flight unaccompanied at Montgomery, Ala., remaining aloft six minutes.

Saturday, May 7.  
Three firemen were killed at Macon, Ga., and three others were injured when the tire on an automobile engine exploded on the way to a fire.

Charged with kidnapping Helen, the seven-year-old daughter of John Jackless, Mrs. Jossio Sawyer was locked up at Providence, R. I. Mrs. Sawyer was housekeeper for Jackless.

One woman, Mrs. Emma Miller, died of fright and two others suffered serious injuries when a ledge of a high-cliff, on which they were standing, crumbled beneath their feet at Portsmouth, O.

Convicted of holding up and robbing William Misner, a merchant, of \$55 and a watch, Michael McKewitt, Fred Vogt and Joseph Glunski were sentenced to life imprisonment by a jury in Judge Barnes' court in Chicago.

Monday, May 9.  
In taking the census of Maryland the enumerators missed both Governor Crothers and his private secretary, Emerson R. Crothers.

There are 160 young men in West Berwick, Pa., who came from one town, Roccarviti, Italy, the population of which is about 2500.

Thomas F. Byrnes, former superintendent of police of New York, famous for his work in the detective bureau, died at New York, aged sixty-six years. Nehemiah Roach, of Georgetown, Del., whose legs were cut off in a railroad accident at Harbeson, some years ago, has been pensioned by the Pennsylvania railroad at \$30 a month.

Tuesday, May 10.  
Wesleyan Female college at Macon, Ga., has been ordered closed, probably for the term, by the president, Dr. Ainsworth, because of an outbreak of typhoid fever.

Despondent, it is believed, on account of ill health, Peter Eller, sixty-two years old, a Civil War veteran, whose home was in Roanoke, Va., shot and killed himself at the home of his son-in-law, Acting Detective Harry Tucker, in Philadelphia.

Missing since May 3, the body of Edward Darragh, thirty-two years of age, was found floating in the Christina river at Wilmington, Del. From the appearance of the body it had probably been in the water about four days. No foul play is suspected.

Wednesday, May 11.  
The nomination of Thomas J. Alcott to be United States marshal for the district of New Jersey was sent to the senate Tuesday.

While Chief of Police Ernest Hahn, of Mount Oliver, near Pittsburgh, Pa., was guarding the homes of the borough, burglars entered his home and carried off a gold watch, silverware and diamond rings that were secreted in a china closet.

Despondency over being jilted caused Charles Shuey, aged twenty-two, to commit suicide at his home in Harrisburg, Pa. Shuey was engaged to marry a girl, but she chose another man. He cut her portrait from a frame, and placing it beside him took chloroform.

## PRODUCE QUOTATIONS.

The Latest Closing Prices For Produce and Live Stock.

PHILADELPHIA — FLOUR firm; winter low grades, \$3.60@3.90; winter prime, \$4.50@4.75; city mills, fancy, \$5.75@6. RYE FLOUR firm, at \$4.25@4.40 per barrel. WHEAT quiet; No. 2 red, \$1.14@1.16. CORN quiet; No. 2 yellow, local, 70@70 1/2 c. OATS quiet; No. 2 white, 48 1/2 @ 49 c.; lower grades, 48c.

POULTRY: Live steady; hens, 17 1/2 @ 18c.; old roosters, 14c. Dressed firm; choice fowls, 19 1/2 c.; old roosters, 15 1/2 c. BUTTER steady; extra creamery, 30c. per lb. EGGS firm; selected, 24 @ 26c.; nearby, 22c.; western, 22c. POTATOES quiet, at 28@30c. bush.

Live Stock Markets. PITTSBURGH (Union Stock Yards) — CATTLE firm; choice, \$8.30@8.50; prime, \$8@8.25. SHEEP steady; prime wethers, \$6.80 @ 7; culls and common, \$4@4.50. LAMBS, \$5@9; veal calves, \$5@5.50.

HOGS steady; prime heavies, \$9.50; mediums, heavy Yorkers and light Yorkers, \$9.85; pigs, \$9.85@9.90; porkers, \$2.50.

## JEFFERSON'S PICTURES.

A Wonderful Landscape Painted Entirely From Imagination.

Marvelous were the products of Jefferson's inspiration. He had created a school of his own. He was prone to portray forest scenes, with tree trunks of wonderful size, in accurate military formation. Old mills were a favorite subject with him, especially old mills with water wheels, and in some of his paintings he actually accomplished the impossible, for to all intents and purposes he succeeded in making the water run uphill. This having been called to his attention by an overcritical friend, Mr. Jefferson responded that he was well pleased with the result, for "few men could have accomplished it."

When president of the Players club, a position he held for so many years before his death, Mr. Jefferson presented to the club a large canvas of his own. If the writer remembers correctly, there was a pond in the foreground, with rushes, a tumble-down house and a large and rather theatrical looking forest, all painted, the artist boasted, in the dead of winter in his own sitting room and entirely from his imagination. When it was first displayed on the walls—for of course none of the old gentleman's gifts was ever refused—it attracted much attention, and one day Mr. Jefferson, being in the club, seized a brother member, who happened to be a man whose pictures had on more than one occasion won prizes in the salon, and stood him before his own masterpiece. "Now, I want you to tell me," he said frankly, with his child-like and delightful smile, "what you think of it."

"Well," replied the painter, responding to the pressure on his arm, "I'd like to have one hung as well as that." And the old gentleman was delighted.

During his lifetime that picture remained in its prominent position, and whenever Mr. Jefferson entered the club he would manage to maneuver himself in front of it, regarding it from all sides and angles, and hardly ever did a picture receive so much praise and so little criticism as that marvelous landscape. — James Barnes in Bookman.

## EQUATORIAL AFRICA.

Three Things a White Person Must Have to Live There.

Without a mosquito bar a white person would be unable to live on the equator, writes Ida Vera Simonson in the Delineator.

No matter how hot and stifling the night—and no other place can be so stifling as the equatorial African night during the long rainy season in the midst of the jungle—one must sleep under a closely tucked in mosquito bar, not the ventilated kind civilization knows, but one of closely woven stuff through which no air circulates.

When the mosquito bar was let down it took in almost the entire room, but it proved especially useful in sickness and convalescence. It permitted existence free from insect bites. As malaria is the white man's most insidious foe and comes from the bite of the mosquito, every precaution must be taken against it. Three things are absolutely necessary in Africa—a mosquito bar, a water filter and quinine.

The bed was made by a native carpenter. The frame was of wood, the slats of bamboo ribs fitted closely together with the pith side uppermost. They didn't give a bit and were an excellent dancing floor for the dried plantain leaves which made the mattress. The leaves were confined beneath ticking tacked to the four sides of the bed, but they matted easily, and every night it was continuous leaf turning for me. The bamboo was slippery, and insomnia kept me and the leaves on the move, so that most of the time I slept on a hard surface. My pillow was of dried sweet smelling grass. Whoever says that hard beds are beautifiers should sleep upon an African bed.

## Gold Heated Water.

Over 4,000 years ago an elaborate system of filtration was established by the Egyptians to purify the waters of the Nile. In both Rome and Athens hot water was drunk in preference to cold by the small minority who used water for drinking purposes. Champer, writing in 1560, notes that the habit of drinking hot water was spreading among all classes in France. "Some warm it by holding it over the fire. Others dip burning bread into it. Rich people plunge a bar of hot gold into their water before drinking it and the less wealthy a bar of hot iron while the very poor are content to warm their drink with a live coal."

## Got His Number.

Uncle Zeph had had some trouble getting about on the cars and complained of the employees. "When a conductor is uncivil to you take his number," said his nephew.

Two days later uncle came in somewhat battered, but looking triumphant. "I got the number," he said, with a satisfied air, "but I had to grab the hull cap too!"—Buffalo Express.

## Had a Proxy.

"Have a drink, old man?" "No; I've cut it out." "Aw, be sociable." "Well, my companion here will take a drink with you. He's my social secretary."—Kansas City Journal.

## Entirely Capable.

"Is your new maid capable?" "Yes, indeed. She can tell callers I don't want to see that I'm out and make them believe it."—Detroit Free Press.

## PERSIAN WEAVERS.

The Way the Carpets Are Made by the Hand Workers.

In describing Persian industries Mrs. Hume Griffith, in "Behind the Veil in Persia and Turkish Arabia," tells how the beautiful carpets of that country are made, of course without machinery of any kind. The warp is stretched on a loom, which is merely a frame. The woof consists of short threads woven and knotted by hand without the aid of a shuttle. When a row is finished it is pressed tightly to the rest of the web by means of a comb inserted into the warp.

"The weaver does not see the pattern as he works, for he sits with the reverse side of the web toward him. The looms are generally kept in an underground vaulted room, often with water running through the center. At each loom three or four workers sit, according to the size of the carpet. Sometimes the workers consist of one man and two children, and occasionally the owner uses boys and girls only for the weaving.

"I sat on the high stool by the side of a tiny girl, whose fingers were working away so fast I could hardly follow her movements. The overseer was walking up and down the room calling out instructions to the workers. To me it sounded a horrible, incoherent jumble, but the children seemed to understand it perfectly.

"The overseer held in his hand a paper, from which he was apparently reading out instructions. It was something like this:

"To No. 1, three blue threads, one white, two green; No. 2, four yellow, one white, and so on, each child repeating after the 'master' the instructions given. As it was all said in a high pitched monotone the result was confusing and deafening. But there the little weavers sit, day in, day out, week after week, in this dark, gloomy cellar, kept hard at it by the overseer."

## WONDERS OF A WATCH.

Its Marvelous Mechanism and the Power That Moves It.

We hear much from time to time of the wonders of this or that complicated and intricate machine, but there are few pieces of machinery more marvelous than that of the common watch.

A watch, it may be stated as a general proposition, is the smallest, most delicate instrument of the same number of parts that has ever been devised. About 175 different pieces of material enter into its construction, and upward of 2,400 separate operations are comprised in its manufacture.

Certain of the facts connected with its performance are well nigh incredible when considered as a whole. A blacksmith strikes several hundred blows on his anvil in a day and, as a matter of course, is glad when Sunday comes, but the roller jewel of a watch makes every day—and day after day—432,000 impacts against the fork, or 157,680,000 blows during the course of a year, without stop or rest—some 3,153,600,000 blows during the space of twenty years, the period for which a watch is usually guaranteed to keep good time.

But the wonder of it does not cease here. It has been calculated that the power that moves the watch is equivalent to only four times the force used in a flea's jump. The watch power is therefore what might be termed the equivalent of a four flea-power. One horsepower would suffice to operate 270,000,000 watches.

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## Duck by Duck.

An old farmer had brought twenty ducks to the market to sell and, after the usual amount of haggling inseparable from a bargain of that description, managed to dispose of the lot to a dealer.

"That's 30 shillings I have to give you," said the dealer as he proceeded to count it out.

But the old chap's strong point was not arithmetic, and he was not satisfied with this mode of payment.

"Noa, noa!" he exclaimed. "Ye bought them at wan an' six apiece, an' ye'll jist pay for them duck by duck."

And "duck by duck" it had to be.—London Scraps.

## How It Is Done.

Returning from school the other afternoon, a little girl proudly informed her mother that she had learned to "punctuate."

"Well, dear," said her mother, "and how is it done?" "You see, mother," explained the child, "when you write 'Hark!' you put a hatpin after it, and when you ask a question you put a buttonhook!"

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Thursday, May 12, 1910.

FROM the Detroit News: The cost of being born has been boosted by New York doctors; the cost of dying has gone up in Chicago; the cost of living has gone up everywhere, and this talk of "business administration in churches" breeds a sudden fear that even salvation may cease to be free.

SAYS the Kansas City Star: Fifty-five thousand acres of frier lands in the Philippines have been sold to the Tobacco Trust and 50,000 acres to the Sugar Trust at an absurdly low figure, indicating that the Insular Bureau and the Department of the Interior have considerable in common.

MASSACHUSETTS has just enacted a law designed to distinguish between places where alcoholic liquors are sold to be consumed on the premises and those where they are to be carried off and consumed in guzzling at home. It bears the title of the Bar and Bottle bill. With certain reservations in favor of hotels and their guests, no seller can have a license to sell by the bottle and also over the bar. The theory of the law is that the man who drinks at the bar should not take away a quart of firewater to drink elsewhere. Sociologists and temperance reformers believe the effects of the law will be most useful.

J. LAWRENCE LAUGHLIN, in Scribner's Magazine, says: "Some of our public men are not dealing fairly with the people when they direct attention solely to the Payne-Aldrich act of 1909, and assert it has in some respects lowered duties. Suppose that it had done so, as compared with the Dingley act of 1897. Then, that only transfers the cause of the offending to the duties fixed by the Dingley act, which were, on the whole, the highest in our list of high-tariff enactments. It is no comfort to a drowning man in 40 feet of water to be told that just back of him the water was 41 feet deep. It is no comfort to the consumer, submerged by import duties of 40, or 100, or several hundred per cent., to be told that a microscope will discover a fractional change of a per cent. here and there—when, in fact, hosiery, gloves and clothing bear increased duties."

THE betrayal of public trusts in recent times by dishonest men, popularly termed grafters, is no indication that Society is going to pieces or that dishonesty is at a premium. As a rule those who cheat the public are sooner or later detected and made to suffer for their criminal acts. But why so much grafting in public life? Because the moral training of individuals in private life from early boyhood to manhood, has been too superficial and therefore deficient. That's why. The burden of censure, if censure is imposed, rests upon those who have been responsible for the education and training of boys at home, in the schools and in the churches. Any scheme of secular or religious training in the line of human conduct, which fails to distinctly emphasize moral action as of the very first and highest importance, falls vitally short in purpose and application. The majority of individuals do wrong because of the influence of false training and education in their youth. True education relates fundamentally to RIGHT CONDUCT and USEFULNESS on the part of the individual toward himself, or herself, and toward other individuals. More good men and more good women are needed here on earth, in the interest of human and altogether earthly considerations, for the furtherance of right and the prevention of wrong-doing. Humanity has suffered incalculably by reason of superficial and frequently very pretentious methods of instruction applied to human brains in process of development. Natural morality pertains to normal, natural, earthly conditions, and therefore clearly relates to rightful conduct of man toward man. Where such conduct prevails that part of Society is above rather than below the mean level of Society as a whole. If morality—the performance of honesty, truthfulness, decency, sobriety, and so forth—is not of vastly more needful consequence to the

inhabitants of this planet than mere formulas and beliefs with relation to a thus far unlocated somewhere, then is Reason a delusion; and if Reason be a delusion, what becomes of mere faiths and mysticism? \* \* \* Until more, decidedly more, stress is laid upon and prominence given to plain, simple MORAL INSTRUCTION in the homes, in the public schools, in all higher institutions of learning, and, aye, in the churches and Sunday schools of the nation, dishonesty and other forms of criminality in private and public life will not diminish as rapidly as it should. It is easy to condemn the criminal, and every criminal and immoral person deserves condemnation and punishment, but how about those who are more or less directly and indirectly responsible for the commission of deeds detrimental to the best interests of Society?

AN observation from the New York World: Mr. Taft has traveled around the world and all over this country, but he was never in a railroad disaster as serious, according to all accounts, as the smash-up of the Administration's Interstate Commerce bill.

THE death of King Edward VII, ruler over the British Empire, in London, England, Friday night, is generally lamented because he was inclined to discretion and wisdom in so far as he exercised the functions of his sovereignty. He may not have been a great statesman, but he was wise enough to encourage the ablest statesmen of his realm to solve the more important questions of English government as they arose from time to time. The movements of his successor to the throne, the Prince of Wales, who will rule under the title of George V, will be watched with keen interest and more or less apprehension.

## NORRISTOWN LETTER.

NORRISTOWN, PA., May 9, 1910.

About one-half the taxpayers of Montgomery county are paying five (5) per cent. more State tax than are the other half. All owing to the court's rulings that the treasurers of the townships of the first-class are authorized to receive the State tax instead of the County Treasurer. Taxes paid to the Township Treasurer within sixty days of the issuance of the district duplicate receive a rebate of 5 per cent. The county treasurer who on June first starts on a tour of visitation about the county, in all except the first-class townships, is not given authority to grant any rebate to taxpayers. Hence, the apparent discrimination and disadvantage. In all other counties of the State the district treasurer is the recipient of State tax, collecting it with the usual municipal and school taxes. An old special act of legislature is responsible for a different system in Montgomery.

No little adverse criticism has arisen by reason of the unprecedented action of the West Conshohocken School Board, in permitting itself, as a board, to become a "boomer" for the political aspirations of a fellow member. They have spread upon their board minutes a resolution, issued to the voters, urging the candidacy of Wm. Pennington, of the board, for Assemblyman in the Second district, in opposition to Robert Miller. The board has far over-stepped its latitude. It has not served Pennington the purpose intended. If anything, it has disturbed the voters even of his home town over the attempt to convert the educational body into a political organization. The borough's town council, of which Pennington is clerk, wisely refused to be a party to the game.

The present sessions of the Board of Appeal upon the recently completed triennial assessment of property in the county has revealed a rather unfair treatment of such of the assessors who were a few months ago voted out of office. The assessor who appraised the value of the property and has since retired from office, is denied the right to appear before the commissioners and defend his recent action. Instead his successor, a man without experience or elected for certain property holders' interest, is granted a seat at the hearing, and not being in a position or inclination to defend his predecessor's action, the appellant has an advantage. Unless the commissioners themselves have a personal knowledge of the property, and thus able to fully endorse the previous assessor's work, a reduction follows, to the disadvantage of the revenue getter.

This will be a short and sharp primary campaign. The sudden development of a contest in both the Republican and Democratic ranks for the congressional nomination has given the leaders on both sides a rude awakening. Unprepared for an unexpected attack on Wanger, resulted in the organization being worsted in the first bout, in that their efforts to sidetrack Huey from being a candidate failed. Even the faithful Grudy got scorched. Now it is up to the Bristol bachelor to save the day, for the county leaders realize that Wanger's name on the ticket has a tendency to do more harm than good to the interest of the organization's legislative candidates.

The democracy of the upper end likewise presumes to declare its party political independence from the rule of the county official, recently worsted in his dictatorship attitude. Weisner ambitious to be a congressman nominee in preference to Diffenderfer, could not be curbed. He is likely to spoil the minority's legislative plans in the Fourth, if not also in the Third, where there is going to be a free-for-all. Joseph Knox Fornance, Esq., is the Democratic candidate for Assembly in the Second district. Bryanism, Guffyism and Berrysism is playing havoc with Montgomery's Democracy.

There is promise of an upheaval in both parties. The leaders have their hands full. Their generalship is being put to the test.

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## WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 6, 1910.

—While free from sensationalism, the legislative situation is full of interest and even of intense feeling as concerns the legislators. The President has been absent from the city for five days in Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, St. Louis, where he had made speeches. He has been severely criticized for leaving the capitol at a moment when legislation concerning the traffic agreement section of the administration railroad bill was in a precarious situation. There are rumors that the President has said that he would veto the bill if it failed to meet his views and it is certain that the bill can not be passed as originally presented and as embodying his views as they are understood. The differences between the regulars and the insurgents of the Republican party are becoming more and more clearly defined. Yesterday Senator Aldrich of Rhode Island, long known as the leader of the Senate, called together the Republican Senators and explained and emphasized to them the deplorable effect of apparent defeat by the insurgent Republicans and Democrats. He explained that unless the regulars should recover their ground, the failure would involve the overthrow of the Taft policies and of conservative Republicanism both in Congress and throughout the country. He urged Republicans to get together and stand as a unit against every insurgent attack. It is said that there will be no vote on any proposition in the Senate until the first of next week. Meanwhile, the President will have returned from the West and there will be conferences between him and the Republican leaders, of the House and Senate, and also between him and the insurgent leaders, for the latter persistently claim that they are the real representatives of true Republicanism, of platform Republicanism and of the "Roosevelt policies." It is said that as a result of the conference called by Senator Aldrich, forty-four Senators are pledged to stand by what remains of the railroad bill and other bills involving the President's policies and it is given out that three other Republicans, making forty-seven in all, will join the coalition against the Democrats and insurgents. It is further predicted that at least two Democrats will support the bills urged by the President, and the regulars are claiming that by the first of next week they will have an effective majority—that the insurgents will be outvoted and that for the remainder of the session they can be ignored.

On the other hand, the insurgents have held a long conference relating particularly to the long and short haul amendment, proposed by Senator Dixon. It is said that there are sufficient Republican votes to oppose the Dixon amendment, provided they can have the support of the Democrats.

There is an interesting rumor to the effect that when Mr. Roosevelt returns to America it will be to found a great seat of learning or university at Washington with almost unlimited capital. It is even said that this matter was planned and partly arranged before he left this country on his hunting trip. It is said that Andrew Carnegie will head the subscribers to this institution of learning with a gift amounting to several millions and that other multi-millionaires will put their names to the paper with donations involving seven figures. Mr. Carnegie has just started across the Atlantic to spend his summer at his Scottish castle, Skibo. He will doubtless meet the ex-President, who in a week or ten days will be in England. The ex-President has lived at Washington off and on probably longer than in any other part of the country, and it is here that his influence would be greatest and most widely pervasive, for no where else in this part of the world would he come so closely in contact with public men, and no where else would his world-wide popularity be so effectively felt. The ex-President is perhaps more distinctively a teacher and preacher than a statesman, or rather it may be said that he is a teacher of statesmanship and a preacher of patriotism by word of mouth. In short, whether at home or abroad, he is a missionary, or whether in Cairo, Rome or Washington, he is preaching and teaching by word and by example.

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## EARTHQUAKE KILLS 1800

**Cartago, Costa Rica, Completely Wrecked.**

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People Were Thrown Into a Panic and Fled to Places of Safety—Hundreds Rendered Homeless.

Cartago, Costa Rica, was destroyed by an earthquake on Wednesday. Not one house remains standing in the city, and it is feared that many are helpless beneath the ruins.

The number of persons killed is estimated at more than 500. Four hundred bodies have been recovered from the ruins.

The buildings of the town collapsed, and the surviving populace was thrown into a panic.

Hundreds of people were rendered homeless.

The interior of Costa Rica has been devastated. Conservative tabulations place the number of dead at 1800. The country to the north and northwest of San Jose has been cleaved open. Entire villages have been undermined and lost in the maw of the earthquake. Cartago probably has suffered the greatest pecuniary loss. In the mountain country there were scores of villages and humble settlements that dropped out of sight. The loss accruing from damage to banana and rubber plantations alone is enormous. The first news of the calamity was brought to San Jose by couriers from the interior. From villages to the north and northwest there came the same story of death and devastation. Between Cartago and San Jose the same condition prevails.

As the refugees arrived at San Jose they brought further news of the devastation wrought by the shocks. They agree that Cartago is practically destroyed, but the estimates of the dead and injured are conflicting. They said the report of 500 fatalities was conservative.

According to the reports that were received here the refugees say that communication between Cartago with outside points has been interrupted and much damage has been done along the railway line leading to Port Limon. The shocks threw the 10,000 inhabitants into a panic. The authorities, however, kept their heads and, martial law being declared, promptly began the work of rescue.

**Long Hours, Low Pay at Schwab Plant**  
The report of the bureau of labor upon the conditions at the Bethlehem Steel works, of South Bethlehem, Pa., which was submitted to the senate by the U. S. labor bureau, says that 2322 men worked twelve hours a day for seven days a week, a large percentage of these laborers earning only 12½ cents an hour.

A synopsis of the report follows:  
The strike started Feb. 4, 1910, when several hundred machinists struck against the discharge of three men who had served as a committee appointed to protest against Sunday and overtime work. One of the elements of interest in the strike is that it was a strike of unorganized workmen.

According to the January pay roll of the company, of the 9184 persons appearing on that pay roll 3628, or 29 per cent, were regularly required to work seven days a week, and Sunday work was not considered overtime. Of the men whose normal week consisted of only six days, 1413, or 14.5 per cent of the entire number on the pay roll, were required to do extra work on one or more Sundays during the month.

Thus a total of 43.5 per cent of those appearing on the January pay roll were required to work at least on some Sundays. A considerable amount of overtime work was also required of the ten and one-half hour men on days other than Sundays. Of all those appearing on the January pay roll 2322 worked in positions in which twelve hours was the regular working day, seven days in a week, and 2233 worked in positions in which twelve hours was the regular working day for six days in the week. Eighty-two men were reported as having a thirteen-hour day for the entire seven days. Altogether 4725, over 50 per cent of all the employees appearing on the January pay roll, worked in positions regularly requiring twelve or more hours of labor per day on their regular working days.

Those working for 12 cents an hour and under 14 cents in January numbered 2640, or 28.7 per cent of the total number on the pay roll, while 1523, or 16.6 per cent, received 14 cents, but under 16 cents an hour. The total number shown as receiving less than 16 cents an hour (not including apprentices) numbered 46 per cent of the total number on the pay roll, while 5383, or 58.6 per cent, received less than 18 cents an hour.

**Explosion Wrecks Town; Kills 10.**  
A terrific explosion occurred at Hull, Ont., in the works of the General Explosives company. Ten men were killed.

Hundreds of plate glass windows in Ottawa, two miles away, were broken and twenty houses in Hull were wrecked. Many men were injured and one man, taken to a hospital in an automobile, died on the way in front of the Hull Roman Catholic church.

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Sales advertised in the INDEPENDENT are sure to attract the presence of bidders and buyers. You can let all the people know what you have to sell by advertising.

from 100 to 200 pounds which were hurled at them as they were walking on the streets nearby of in their homes.

The big boulders crashed into many homes when the residents were at supper. People ran out shouting: "It's the comet," and others cried that the end of the world had come. Six dogs, a cow and a cat were struck with stones and instantly killed.

A bad fire followed the explosion, but the damage, \$500,000, is mainly due to houses wrecked.

**Betrayed Girl Drinks Poison.**

Clasping a gold locket containing the picture of the young man she accused Adam Walters, near Waynesboro, Pa., a victim of suicide by poison. She left several letters, one to a young man, in which she said:

"You have won my love and have betrayed me. This is driving me crazy. I would rather die than live a ruined life. You will have to meet your God as well as I, and I hope you will repent of what you have done before you go to meet him."

Miss Tolbert was thirty years old. Her body was staked to Fayetteville, the home of her parents. She was a member of the United Brethren church of this city.

Enough strychnine was found in a tumbler to kill two men, and suicidal intent was revealed not only the her note, but in one to the girl's mother and in a conversation with a companion on the car Miss Tolbert took to go home, after seeing the young man here in company with other girls.

**Robbed "Suckers" at Poker Game.**

Tipped off by victims who claim to have lost thousands of dollars in a brace poker game, Atlanta, Ga., detectives raided the office of Arthur W. Thurman, a prominent lawyer of Atlanta, and found a game in progress. There was over \$1000 on the table when the detectives broke into the room. Sitting in the game were Attorney Thurman, A. J. Schneider, B. B. Bennett, Dr. J. H. Henry and N. Crockett. All were arrested. Dr. Henry and Crockett are well to do Atlanta men. It is said they were "pigeons."

The names of the victims are being withheld, but one of the number it is said that one man lost \$3200, another \$2000, another \$1000, and still another \$485. The detectives say that over \$30,000 has been lost in the room by "suckers."

**Three Shot in Street Duel.**

As a result of a street duel at Cordel, Ga., between Bowen, Herbert and Edward Mercer, three brothers, on one side, and Grady Snellgrove and William Benton on the other, Snellgrove and Benton are dying and Edward Mercer is dangerously wounded. The duel was caused by attentions which Snellgrove has been paying a young sister of the Mercer brothers. Snellgrove had been warned to keep away from the girl. He persisted in his attentions and the fight resulted.

**Tax Receipts \$26,000,000.**

The receipts from the corporation tax will exceed by almost \$1,000,000 Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh's estimate of \$25,000,000, made early in December. This is the latest calculation made by the internal revenue office, which has almost completed the examination of the returns from corporations on which the tax is assessed. When business closed last week \$25,319,715 had been assessed. Half a million more is expected. The figures given are subject to revision, but the changes will not be material.

**Left Fortune to Hero.**

John Readinger, publisher at the Pottstown (Pa.) Iron company's plant, left for New York to claim a legacy of \$18,000 left him by Mrs. Caroline Kramer, who died in Germany.

Readinger rescued Mrs. Kramer's daughter, who fell from a boat while out rowing several years ago, and the remembrance in the will is due to this action.

**Tin Corset Drew Lightning.**

Lightning struck the hand-made and secretly worn corset of Mary Taylor, nine years old, of Petersburg, Ind., and almost ended the girl's life. The little girl had gathered some tin cans, slipped into the hay loft and made what was at least an imitation of a corset.

**Splinter Kills Woman.**

Miss Carrie Bogart, twenty-six years of age, the daughter of John Bogart, of Easton, Pa., died from tetanus, resulting from running a splinter into a finger eleven years ago. Her sister Emily died of the same disease, following vaccination. It is said.

**Rothschild to Fight a Duel.**

Baron Maurice Rothschild, scion of the famous family of financiers, had a dispute with J. de Bremont, clubman, millionaire and horseman at the Longchamps race track in Paris. They will fight a duel. The seconds have arranged the details.

## KING GEORGE PROCLAIMED

**Ceremony of Medieval Pomp  
Carried Out in London.**

**CROWD SINGS NATIONAL HYMN**

Carbed in Ancient Costumes Heralds Conduct Impressive Ceremony in St. James' Palace and at Points in London—Funeral of Edward May 20.

London, May 10.—The proclamation announcing the accession of King George V. was read at the St. James palace.

Friday, May 20, has been definitely fixed as the date for King Edward's funeral.

Immediately after the funeral of her husband it is expected that the queen mother will retire to Sandringham palace, which King Edward some years ago made over to her as a dower house.

King Edward died at 11.45 p. m. Friday night, just as the theater crowds were leaving the cafes. Silence fell upon the crowds, who went sorrowfully home.

The cause of death, as given by the king's physicians, was pneumonia, which developed rapidly from the severe bronchial attack his majesty suffered last week.

The official bulletin, announcing the king's death, read as follows:

"May 6, 1910, 11.50 p. m. His majesty, the king, breathed his last at eleven forty-five, in the presence of her majesty, Queen Alexandra; the Prince and Princess of Wales; the princess royal, the Duchess of Fife; Princess Victoria and Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll."

The actual complaint from which his majesty suffered was an asthmatic cardiac affection, and as usual in such cases oxygen had to be administered to him at intervals since Thursday night. The medical examination was first directed towards possible complications in the throat, this being the particular cause which led to the calling in of Professor Thomas. It had been feared that an operation would be necessary, but Professor Thomas was able to make it clear that these fears were groundless. The general condition of his majesty was such, however, that the gravest fears were entertained by his doctors, and this they indicated in a bulletin.

With the time-honored ceremony of a brilliant and impressive character, George V. was publicly proclaimed as king of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and the British dominions beyond the seas, defender of the faith, emperor of India.

Sharply at the stroke of 9 o'clock four heralds, arrayed in medieval uniforms of scarlet, heavily braided with gold, mounted the balcony of Friary Court at St. James' palace, where Queen Victoria presented herself to the people upon the opening of her memorable reign, and blew a fanfare through their long silver trumpets.

From the windows of Marlborough house, immediately opposite, the Duke of Cornwall, the young heir to the throne, the younger princes and Princess Mary watched the ceremony.

**Earl Marshal Appears.**

The heralds having concluded their duties, the officers of arms, chief of whom is the Duke of Norfolk, the hereditary earl marshal and chief butler of England, took their places on the balcony forming the great heraldic canopy. None wore mourning, this having been removed for the occasion. Sir Alfred Scott Scott-Gatty, Garter principal king of arms, with the Duke of Norfolk and two officers bearing the staves of office, stepped to the front of the balcony, and in a voice which could be heard across the court and in the streets adjoining, read the proclamation, while great throngs stood uncovered in a drizzling rain.

The duke and Sir Alfred then called for three cheers for the king, and the people responded with fairly deafening hurrahs, which were silenced only by the reappearance of the heralds, who sounded another fanfare.

The last note hardly died away when the band of the Cold Stream Guards, which had taken up a position in the square, struck up "God Save the King." The young princes from their point of vantage in the windows of Marlborough house stood with their hands at salute and the officers and troops stood at attention.

**Crowd Sings National Anthem.**

As the national anthem was concluded the first gun of the battery in St. James' park belched forth a royal salute and the people in the square and streets at the same moment took up the refrain "God Save the King." This was probably the most impressive part of the ceremony, the fervent singing of the crowds growing in volume as more and more singers joined in, while at minute intervals the gun half drowned the chorus.

The popular demonstration at an end, the earl marshal and his attendants proceeded to the Ambassador's court, whence they drove to Charing Cross and thence to the city of London to read the proclamation to the people at the designated points. The route to the city proper was lined with 7000 troops, while at the places at which the procession stopped and repeated the ceremony troops and Horse Guards were stationed. The royal carriages of the Duke of Norfolk, Sir Alfred Scott Scott-Gatty and the officers

**BRITISH SOVEREIGNS**

The Late King Edward VII.  
and Queen Alexandra.



of arms, followed by General French with the headquarters staff and a troop of cavalry, drove briskly from St. James' palace to Charing Cross.

Thousands upon thousands who had waited since early morning silently watched the stately progress of the heraldic procession. At Charing Cross there was such a crush that the police and troops had great difficulty in keeping a space clear for the heralds. The royal announcers again blew a fanfare and Sir Alfred once more read the proclamation. Again the people sang the national anthem, their voices being accompanied by the music of military bands.

**European Royalty at Funeral.**

The republic of France probably will be represented at the funeral by former President Loubet, although there is talk that President Fallieres may come. Emperor William will be here, as also will the kings of Greece, Spain, Portugal, Denmark, Norway, Belgium and Bulgaria and the heirs to the thrones of Austria, Italy, Turkey, Sweden and Roumania.

Prince Edward, the heir apparent to the throne, will for the present be styled the Duke of Cornwall and Rothesay. Later he will be created Prince of Wales. He succeeds forthwith to the duchy of Cornwall, with a clear income of \$400,000 yearly, which will accumulate until he becomes of age, giving him an independent fortune of \$2,500,000.

**CHINA FREES  
MILLIONS OF SLAVES**

**Purchase and Sale of Human  
Beings Prohibited.**

Washington, May 11.—The Chinese government by imperial rescript has abolished slavery throughout the empire and has prohibited henceforth the purchase and sale of human beings under any pretext. The retainers of Manchu princes are not emancipated, however, but it is forbidden to call them slaves. They have long enjoyed educational and other privileges. The household slaves of the Manchus are also refused emancipation, but their status under the law is improved.

Under this rescript the immemorial practice of selling children in China in times of famine is abolished, although they may be bound for a specified term, but never beyond the age of twenty-five years.

Concubinage is still to be permitted, but there is to be no bargain and sale. Such concubines are to be married with proper legal formalities, and they will enjoy the protection of the law, but in reality they will be no better than perpetual slaves to the principal wife.

The rescript is said to be a compromise measure, but it will eventually give freedom to millions of human beings.

**Fell From Wagon; Strangled.**

Plainfield, N. J., May 11.—Peter Burnett, of Smalleytown, while driving from this city to his home, fell headforemost from his wagon, his neck catching between the axle and the front wheel. Not a bone in the dead man's body was broken. County Physician Long said that death was due to strangulation. Mrs. Burnett found her husband dead not far from her home.

**Comet Causes Panic.**

Newman, Ga., May 11.—Halley's comet has thrown the negroes of western Georgia into a panic, as they believe it presages the end of the world. In over a dozen counties they have quit work and are spending the time in singing and praying.



## KAISER GREETED MR. ROOSEVELT

Strenuous Ones Have Their Much  
Discussed Meeting.

### WELCOMED BY ROYAL FAMILY

Entertained at Luncheon by Their  
Majesties, Who Have a Distinguished  
Company to Meet the Americans.

Berlin, May 11.—Some 1500 Americans went to meet Roosevelt, but they were not allowed near enough to the station to witness his arrival. Roosevelt and his family, with Ambassador and Mrs. Hill, members of the embassy, General Von Loewenfeld, the foreign secretary; the imperial chancellor and other guests took a special train for the Wild Park station, where royal carriages met them and drove them to the palace at Potsdam.

On the steps of the palace the long-looked-for meeting between the kaiser and Roosevelt at last took place. The kaiser was resplendent in the white uniform of a general of the body-guard, with a glittering brass helmet, surmounted by a silver eagle. Roosevelt was attired in civilian dress, wearing a silk hat and frock coat. The kaiser welcomed him heartily and, preceded by the court chamberlain with a wand, led Roosevelt and his family through what is known as the shell room to the salon beyond, where the empress awaited them with the crown princess and other members of the royal family, court ladies and gentlemen.

After the presentations the empress, the kaiser and the Roosevelt families withdrew to another room, the rest of the guests waiting in the shell room. After a little while the empress and the others returned to the shell room and the court chamberlain then marshaled the company in due order and conducted them to the Jasper gallery for luncheon, Roosevelt taking in the empress and the kaiser Mrs. Roosevelt.

In the long chamber, hung with old masters, with a beautiful view through the French windows of the park, six tables were laid for the company, which numbered about fifty. The two chief tables were in the middle. At one sat the kaiser, with the crown princess on his right and Mrs. Roosevelt on his left. On Mrs. Roosevelt's left was Baron Bethmann-Hollweg, the imperial chancellor. The others at this table were General Von Plessen, Count zu Eulenberg, the American naval attaché; Ambassador Hill, Kermit Roosevelt and General Von Loewenfeld. At the second chief table sat the empress, with the crown prince on her right, and Roosevelt on her left. On Roosevelt's left was the kaiser's young daughter, Princess Victoria Louise. The others at this table were the American military attaché, Ethel Roosevelt, Herr Von Sothen, secretary of foreign affairs; Countess Keller, Prince Solms-Baruth and Mrs. Hill.

After luncheon, which was informal, no speeches being made, the company went back to the shell room and stood in groups. Now it was that the real meeting of the kaiser and Roosevelt came off. The kaiser drew Roosevelt aside from the others and for thirty or forty minutes they stood conversing, on what none may know, but Roosevelt was much handicapped by extreme hoarseness and a hard cough. Before the conversation ended all the guests, with the exception of the Roosevelts, left. The kaiser then, with an enquiry, took the Roosevelts in automobiles to see San Souci palace, a mile away. The empress remained at Potsdam.

A special train was ready at the station, but the Roosevelts came direct to the embassy from Potsdam in automobiles. Here Roosevelt found Commander Robert E. Peary, with whom he had a short talk. He then went to his room, where a couple of throat specialists visited him. They report that Roosevelt is suffering from laryngitis, induced by bronchitis, a common experience of people coming north after being in a tropical climate. They say there is no danger. Roosevelt has only to be careful to get well again in five or six days.

### RAILROAD BILL PASSED

Goes Through House by Vote of 200 to 126.

Washington, May 11.—The administration railroad bill, amended in many important particulars, was passed by the house by a vote of 200 to 126. A final effort made to restore section 12, which proposed to legalize mergers, failed. The Republicans voted solidly for the bill, while fourteen Democrats also cast votes in the affirmative.

The tariff agreement clause and the provision permitting railroads to purchase the stock of non-competing transportation companies were the chief features of the measure as reported to the house by the committee on interstate and foreign commerce that were stricken out by the house. In other respects the provisions of the measure, as drafted by Attorney General Wickersham at the instigation of President Taft and later amended in committee, were but slightly changed during its passage through the house.

The sections to provide for the creation of a commerce court were retained with but a few amendments, as were the paragraphs placing limitations upon issues of stock.

## NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

COUNTY TAXES.

In pursuance to an act of Assembly approved March 17, 1908, supplementary thereto, the Treasurer of Montgomery County will meet the Taxpayers of said County at the following named places and time for the purpose of receiving the County State and Loc Tax, for the year 1910, assessed in their respective districts, viz:

Norristown Borough, First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh wards, at the County Treasurer's Office, Wednesday, June 1, from 8 a. m. to 12 m.

Bridgeport Borough, First, Second and Third wards, and Norristown Township, at the County Treasurer's Office, Wednesday, June 1, from 8 a. m. to 12 m.

Upper Merion township, at the public house of Fred. W. Focht, King of Prussia, Wednesday, June 1, from 9 to 10 a. m.

Narberth Borough, at the Fire House, Narberth, Wednesday, June 1, from 11 30 a. m. to 1 30 p. m.

Whitemarsh Township, Middle and West districts, at the public house of Milton T. Runney, Barren Hill, Thursday, June 2, from 10 30 a. m. to 12 m.

Plymouth Township, East and West districts, at the public house of Jos. M. Green, Hickorytown, Thursday, June 2, from 10 to 12 30 p. m.

West Conshohocken Borough, at the public house of James L. Bradley, Friday, June 3, from 9 15 to 11 45 a. m.

Conshohocken Borough, First ward, at the public house of C. Boylan, Montgomery Hotel, Friday, June 3, from 12 30 to 2 15 p. m.

Conshohocken Borough, Second ward, at the public house of Mayall May, "Elm" Hotel, Friday, June 3, from 2 30 to 4 p. m.

Conshohocken Borough, Fifth ward, at the public house of Wm. E. Toner, Monday, June 6, from 8 to 9 30 a. m.

Conshohocken Borough, Fifth ward, at the store of Margaret Jones, Eighth avenue and Hallows street, Monday, June 6, from 10 30 a. m. to 12 30 p. m.

Conshohocken Borough, Third ward, at the public house of Daniel F. Coy, Ward House Hotel, Monday, June 6, from 1 30 to 3 p. m.

Lower Providence Township, at the public house of Chas. Whitty, Eastville, Tuesday, June 7, from 8 30 to 9 30 a. m.

Collegeville Borough, at the Fire Hall, Collegeville, Tuesday, June 7, from 10 to 11 30 a. m.

Trappe Borough and Upper Providence Township (Trappe and Mingo districts), at the public house of Edward Beckman, Trappe, Tuesday, June 7, from 1 to 3 p. m.

Whitpain Township, at the public house of Chas. H. Spaeth, Centre Square, Wednesday, June 8, from 11 a. m. to 2 p. m.

Worcester Township, at the public house of Sylvester L. Bean, Centre Post, Wednesday, June 8, from 11 a. m. to 2 p. m.

Parkton Township, at the public house of George Dunn, Gratersford, Thursday, June 9, from 8 30 to 10 a. m.

Schenksville Borough, at the public house of A. H. Brendlinger, Thursday, June 9, from 10 30 to 12 m.

Frederick Township, East district, at the public house of Samuel H. Hughes, Ziegler's Hotel, Thursday, June 9, from 2 to 4 30 p. m.

Royersford Borough, Second and Fourth wards, at the public house of Morris A. Freed, Friday, June 10, from 8 30 to 11 a. m.

Royersford Borough, First and Third wards, at the public house of Abner F. Cleaver, Friday, June 10, from 12 30 to 2 30 p. m.

Limerick Township, Third district, at the public house of W. H. Wentz Linfield, Monday, June 13, from 9 to 11 a. m.

Limerick Township, First and Second districts, at the public house of M. S. Longaker, Limerick Center, Monday, June 13, from 12 30 to 3 p. m.

Walters Township, East district, at the public house of Wm. P. Green, Fox Side Inn, Tuesday, June 14, from 1 to 11 30 a. m.

Rockledge, at Rockledge Hotel, Edward Wenker Prop., Tuesday, June 14, from 2 to 4 p. m.

Jenkintown Borough, First, Second and Third wards, at the public house of John Blum, Wednesday, June 15, from 8 a. m. to 3 p. m.

Upper Dublin Township, at the public house of John F. Kettler, Jarrettown, Thursday, June 16, from 8 to 10 a. m.

Ambler Borough, at the public house of Jos. H. Fritz, Ambler Hotel, Thursday, June 16, from 10 30 a. m. to 1 p. m.

Gwynedd Township, Lower, at the public house of Carl K. Knebler, Spring House, Thursday, June 16, from 1 30 to 3 p. m.

North Wales Borough, at the public house of William H. Blank, Friday, June 17, from 7 a. m. to 12 m.

Gwynedd Township, Upper, at the Polling Place of Arnold Becker, Kneeder's, Friday, June 17, from 1 to 2 p. m.

Montgomery Township, at the public house of Harry Werkheiser, Montgomeryville, Friday, June 17, from 2 30 to 3 30 p. m.

Upper Providence, polling place, Mont Clare, Monday, June 20, from 8 to 9 30 a. m.

Upper Providence, Oak district, at the polling place, Oaks, Monday, June 20, from 10 30 to 12 m.

Horsham Township, at the public house of Harry S. Nash, Tuesday, June 21, from 9 to 11 a. m.

Moreland Township, Lower district, at the public house of Pauline C. Schuck, Tuesday, June 21, from 12 30 to 2 30 p. m.

Hatboro, Borough, at the public house of Cyrus C. Moore, Hatboro, Wednesday, June 22, from 8 30 to 12 m.

Moreland Township, Upper district, at the public house of Charles F. Ehrenfort, at Willow Grove, Wednesday, June 22, from 1 30 to 3 p. m.

Skippack Township, at the public house of Wm. H. Forrey, Skippack, Monday, July 11, from 9 to 11 a. m.

Towamencin Township, at the public house of S. C. Bean, Kulpville, Monday, July 11, from 12 30 to 3 30 p. m.

Lower Salford Township, West district, at the public house of John H. Budd, Salfordville, Tuesday, July 12, from 8 30 to 11 a. m.

Lower Salford Township, East district, at the public house of Charles Tyson, Salfordville, Tuesday, July 12, from 12 30 to 2 30 p. m.

Francia Township, West district, at the public house of Harry B. Keller, Francia Square, Wednesday, July 13, from 7 a. m. to 12 m.

Francia Township, East district, at the public house of Barny Rubin, Alliance, Wednesday, July 13, from 1 30 to 3 p. m.

Salford Township, at the public house of William H. Bulger, Salford, Thursday, July 14, from 9 to 11 a. m.

West Telford Borough, at the public house of John M. Kuhn, Thursday, July 14, from 1 to 3 p. m.

Souderton Borough, at the public house of William H. Fred, Friday, July 15, from 8 a. m. to 2 p. m.

Hatfield Township and Hatfield Borough, at the public house of Chester Knipe, Hatfield, Monday, July 18, from 8 a. m. to 12 m.

Lansdale Borough, South ward, at the public house of Harry L. Krause, Monday, July 18, from 2 to 5 p. m.

Lansdale Borough, East ward, at the public house of Julius A. Kausch, Tuesday, July 19, from 7 to 10 30 a. m.

Lansdale Borough, West ward, at the public house of W. K. Shuler, Wednesday, July 20, from 10 30 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Lower Pottsgrove Township, at the public house of William H. Levenwood, Pleasant View Hotel, Thursday, July 21, from 8 to 10 a. m.

West Pottsgrove Township, at the public house of Joseph M. Seinger, Bramote, Thursday, July 21, from 11 a. m. to 2 p. m.

Pottstown Borough, Sixth and Seventh wards, at the public house of Maurice Gilbert, Monday, July 25, from 1 30 a. m. to 2 30 p. m.

Upper Pottsgrove Township, at the public house of Samuel Geiger, Half Way House Hotel, Tuesday, July 26, from 8 to 9 a. m.

Pottstown Borough, Ninth ward, at the public house of J. A. Hartenstein, York Street Hotel, Tuesday, July 26, from 10 30 a. m. to 2 30 p. m.

Pottstown Borough, Fourth and Fifth wards, at the public house of Chas. A. Pennybacker, Wednesday, July 27, from 8 a. m. to 2 p. m.

Pottstown Borough, Eighth and Tenth wards, at the public house of W. W. Brendlinger, Thursday, July 28, from 8 a. m. to 12 p. m.

New Hanover Township, West district, at the public house of Harvey G. Shaner, Swamp, Monday, August 1, from 9 a. m. to 1 30 p. m.

Douglas Township, East district, at the public house of Peter E. Stengel, Monday, August 1, from 2 to 4 p. m.

Douglas Township, West district, at the public house of J. H. Kinker, Congo, Tuesday, August 2, from 9 to 12 a. m.

New Hanover Township, East district, at the public house of Alfred H. B. Fox, Pleasant Kun, Tuesday, August 2, from 1 30 to 3 p. m.

Frederick Township, West district, at the public house of Thos. A. Roland, Green Tree Hotel, Wednesday, August 3, from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m.

Green Lane Borough, at the public house of John A. Harling, Monday, August 8, from 9 30 a. m. to 12 m.

Red Hill Borough, at the public house of C. T. Borgey, Monday, August 8, from 1 to 3 p. m.

East Greenville Borough and Upper Hanover Township, Third district, at the public house of Samuel H. Koebel, East Green Hill, Tuesday, August 9, from 7 a. m. to 3 p. m.

Upper Hanover Township, Second district, at the public house of Jonas Harlings, Wednesday, August 10, from 9 to 12 m.

Pennsburg Borough and Upper Hanover, First district, at the public house of Charles A. Kneule, Wednesday, August 10, from 1 30 to 4 p. m.

Marlborough Township, at the public house of Geo. W. D. Apple, Sunnyside, Thursday, August 11, from 1 30 to 12 m.

Upper Salford Township, at the public house of Westel Hoepfel, Woxall, Thursday, August 11, from 1 30 to 2 30 p. m.

Taxes will be received at the County Treasurer's Office, Norristown, from June 1 to September 15, from 8 30 a. m. to 12 m., and from 1 to 3 p. m.

State Rate, 4 mills.  
County Rate, 3 mills.

Correspondence to receive attention must be accompanied with postage for reply and in all cases location of property, whether in Township or Borough, must be definitely given.

Inquiries relative to taxes received after September 10 will not be answered. Statements will be issued from the office only. Unless above instructions are complied with no attention will be given.

Taxes not paid to the County Treasurer on or before September 15, 1910, at 4 o'clock p. m., will be given into the hands of a collector, when 5 per cent. will be added for collection as per Act of Assembly.

WM. M. HAGGINBOTHOM,  
Treasurer of Montgomery County, Pa.  
County Treasurer's Office, Norristown, Pa., April 22, 1910.

### Trouble Ahead.

A north country coroner is said to be waiting the suicide of a local poet who wrote about clasping "the two tremulous hands" of his ladylove, but which the printer made to read "the two tremendous hands."—London Mail.

### A Queer Question.

Small Harold (at the zoo)—What is that funny looking bird, papa? Papa—That is a bald eagle, Harold. Small Harold—How long does an eagle have to be married before he gets bald, papa?—Chicago News.

### Usually Has To.

"Say, paw, what is a genius?"  
"A genius is a man who can do his own washing, sewing and cooking, my boy."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Weak men never yield at the proper time.—Latin.

### BLUNDERING REPORTERS.

Mistakes That Mangled the Speakers' Words and Feelings.

"Drunkness is folly!" earnestly exclaimed Bishop Magee in the house of lords on a celebrated occasion. How horrified was the prelate to read in the papers next morning that he had given utterance to the very bacchanalian sentiment, "Drunkness is folly!"

Lord Salisbury was a master phrase-maker, but one of his best points was spoiled when a careless reporter turned his reference to "manacles and Manitoba" into the meaningless "manacles and men at the bar."

Sir William Harcourt was badly misquoted once. "Great is Diana of the Ephesians!" he exclaimed upon the platform, but a country paper had it: "Great Dinah! What a farce is this!"

Lack of knowledge of familiar quotations is a prolific source of misreporting. For instance, a speaker once made use of the well known lines from Milton's "L'Allegro":

But come, thou goddess, fair and free,  
In heaven yeelpst Euphrosyne.

The country reporter deputed to "take him down" was in despair. He could not make head or tail of this mysterious utterance. But, following the sound as far as possible, he seized his pen and produced the following gem:

But come, thou goddess, fair and free,  
In heaven she crept and froze her knee.

The speaker was taken down in more senses than one.—London Answers.

### Knew Where He Was.

"When I was studying in Boston," said a musician, "they used to tell a tale about a man named Harper, an odd old character, who played a trombone in one of the small theaters there. One time they were rehearsing a new overture. Throughout the piece Harper was a little behind the rest of the men. Before they started it a second time the leader reproved Harper for not coming in more regularly with the other players. When they attempted it again Harper came in, as usual, two or three beats behind time. The leader stopped and, after letting loose a lot of profanity, demanded to know if the trombonist knew he was playing about half a dozen notes behind the others.

"Harper nodded. 'That's all right,' said he. 'I can catch up with the others any time I want to.'"—Philadelphia Telegraph.

### His Great Loss.

"Well, Garge," exclaimed the farmer as he greeted one of his laborers one New Year's day, "and 'ow did 'ee get on last year?"

"Aye, maister," was the reply, "it wur a bad year for I. I did lose my missus, I did lose my canary, and I did lose my dog. And it wur a good dog too."—London News.

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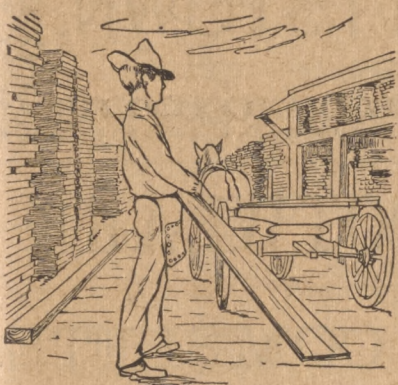
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## LIGHT AND THE EYES

We Do Not Always See Things as They Really Are.

### COLORS WE CANNOT DISCERN

Normal Vision Is Not Able to Penetrate to the Regions Beyond the Violet—Some Results That Have Been Attained With the Camera.

Those of us who are fortunate enough to possess normal eyes are apt to feel instinctively that we see things as they are. This is a mistake. The appearance of the world at large is merely the result of the circumstance that the human eye perceives only a comparatively small part of the total radiation which comes from the sun or is given out by a lamp.

To make this a little clearer we may consider one of the oldest experiments in optics, the passage of a ray of light through a prism.

When a beam of sunlight passes through a prism of glass such as is often found on old fashioned chandeliers the rays are spread out, forming a spectrum, which we see as a rainbow colored band upon the wall. The colors of the spectrum merge into one another by insensible gradations, though the older physicists were in the habit of recognizing seven—red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet.

These colors which the eye perceives are by no means the only ones present in the spectrum. If we perform the experiment in a dark room and place a photographic plate in such a position as to receive the image of the spectrum we find that it extends to a considerable distance beyond the violet.

In other words, there is a region beyond the violet which the eye cannot see, but which the sensitive plate is able to photograph. This region is termed the ultra violet, and the light from virtually all sources contains a greater or less amount of this ultra violet light.

The only difference between this ultra violet light and ordinary visible light is in the length of the wave, which is, in fact, the only difference between the different colors of the visible spectrum. If, instead of using a glass prism for forming our spectrum, we use one cut from a quartz crystal we find that the ultra violet spectrum is very much longer, which shows us that the shortest waves of light are not transmitted even by the clearest glass.

If your eyes were sensitive to this region of the spectrum instead of to the other the appearance of things would appear black, our window would be as opaque as sheets of iron, and polished silver would resemble anthracite coal. In other words, things appear as they do merely from the circumstance that in the process of evolution our eyes have developed a sensibility to a certain region of the total spectrum of the light which comes to us from the sun.

If we have used an ordinary photographic plate in our experiment we shall find that it has received no impression from the red and yellow parts of the spectrum and very little from the green. The plate therefore suffers from the same defect as our eye. It is sensitive only to a limited region. Recently, however, means have been found of rendering plates sensitive to the entire visible spectrum and to a certain extent to the infra red or the extension beyond the red analogous to the one beyond the violet.

With a photographic plate rendered sensitive to the entire spectrum we could obtain an idea of how things would appear if our eyes were sensitive to regions other than the one adopted by nature by excluding from the lens of the camera all rays other than the ones with which we wish to operate. This is done to a limited extent every day by all photographers who employ color screens in their work, and it is well known that increased contrast can often be obtained in this way.

If, for example, we attempt to photograph white clouds against a blue sky without the use of such a screen we get scarcely any trace of the clouds at all, whereas if we place a yellow glass in front of the lens the clouds come out snow white on a very dark background.

We can see this same effect by viewing the clouds first through a piece of deep blue glass, which is what the photographic plate "sees," and then through the yellow plate.

At my laboratory at East Hampton, N. Y., I have pushed this principle to the extreme and have obtained photographs both by the infra red and the ultra violet invisible rays.—Robert Williams Wood in Century.

#### A Mechanical Answer.

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"If you will be mine," he urged as he leaned over the desk, "every comfort that you may desire will be yours. True, I am no longer young, but I have money, and I can provide for you as few young men could, and surely the material side of the marriage question is worthy of some consideration."

She said nothing, but gently touched the cash register, and the words "No Sale" sprang into view.

With a sigh he left.—Chicago Post.

Self laudation abounds among the unpolished, but nothing can stamp a man more sharply as ill bred.—Buxton.

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## "HE IS MY FRIEND."

A Story of President Lincoln and His Private Secretary.

By F. A. MITCHEL.

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In the autumn of 1856 I entered Brown University, the college of Rhode Island. A freshman just entered knows none of his fellow students, not even his own classmates, and is naturally curious concerning those about him. One afternoon soon after my matriculation I was in the room of an upper class man where were half a dozen students listening to a rosy cheeked boy who was firing bits of wit and humor at them with the rapidity of a modern Gatling gun, his shots being received by them with bursts of laughter. I asked who the little fellow was and whether he was in college. Great was my surprise when informed that he was a junior. He had entered at fifteen and was now seventeen. He was from the western state of Illinois.

The Illinoisan, as I shall call him, I soon learned was the shining light of the college. He was so bright that he had no great need to study and possessed a memory to retain all he learned.

I roomed next to a Kentuckian who was a member of the same Greek letter society as the Illinoisan, and there I frequently met the latter. This Kentuckian, a large, handsome fellow, and an Ohioan at this period fought a mock duel, intending it as a hoax for their fellow students. One wintry morning at daylight while the snow was falling they drove across the border of the state, a few miles distant, exchanged blank cartridge shots, and the Kentuckian walked into chapel for prayers with his arm in a sling. His antagonist had poked a hole in his hat.

Meanwhile the Illinoisan was coming to be considered the college genius. Having shown a fancy for writing verses, he was selected to deliver the poem at the exercises held on class day. I can see the slight, youthful figure now after an interval of half a century, graceful in the scholastic gown worn on such occasions, speaking his poem with accompanying gestures in the chapel before an audience largely composed of young men and young women.

The young poet recited his poem in the spring of 1858 and for the next



"ALL I CAN SAY IS THAT HE IS MY FRIEND."

three years was occupied, I believe, at his home in Illinois studying the profession of law. During this period a man was coming from comparative obscurity to exercise an enduring influence upon the nation. Abraham Lincoln was debating with Senator Douglas those questions which were in the end to be determined by the sword. Then came the election of 1860, and Lincoln stepped from the position of an attorney in a small town to the office of president of the United States.

Students who have been friends in college on separating usually write one another for awhile; then their friendship lies dormant for the rest of their lives unless perchance they meet to talk over the golden days of their college course. I had not been especially intimate with the young Illinois poet, for he was of a class two years ahead of mine and of a different college fraternity. But the time was soon to come when I should be brought into closer relation to him. In the summer of 1861 my father was appointed by President Lincoln a brigadier general of volunteers and ordered to report for duty to General McClellan, commanding the Army of the Potomac. I went with my father as lieutenant of a New York regiment, detailed to serve as aid-de-camp on his staff.

On arriving in Washington we put up at the old Willard hotel. One afternoon soon after reaching Washington I saw my Illinois poet for the first time since he was graduated. He was leaning against the cigar stand. There were several of us present who had known him in college, and we all gathered about him, for he had recently been appointed assistant private secretary to President Lincoln.

And now, if not before, it will be recognized that this rosy cheeked boy poet was none other than John Hay. "This is a big thing you've fallen into, John,"

"Yes," he replied, with a twinkle of

the eye and his good natured smile, "I'm keeper of the president's conscience."

The youngster with whom we were joking was to spend four years under the influence of the patience, the wisdom and the foresight of the martyr president, being trained the while to execute, after an interval of forty years, an important diplomatic work, and will probably go down in history as the ablest diplomat the United States has produced. Though John Hay possessed the natural ability for his later work, there can be no doubt that he imbibed the patience and learned the methods from his chief while conducting the nation through the most perilous period in its history.

But to return to my story. While John Hay was occupying an office adjoining that of President Lincoln his college friend, the Kentuckian, Clarence Bate of Louisville, had turned rebel and was fighting for the south. In the beginning Kentucky was a divided state. One-half of its people were with the Union, the other half with the Confederacy. It is probable that it was on this account that Bate became identified with one of those bands having no legitimacy as Confederate soldiers who were doing their best to carry the state out of the Union. At any rate, Bate was taken prisoner with arms in his hand against the sovereignty of the United States, having neither a commission nor having been enlisted in the Confederate service.

Later in the war, when one of these "citizens," as they were called, were captured and brought before a commanding officer, after hearing what his captors had to say on the subject, the commander, with a wave of his hand, would say: "Take him away. I don't want to see any more of him." This was an order, understood by the captors, to take the man out and shoot him. The prisoner was then conducted to an open space, told to run and shot down while running.

But Clarence Bate was tried by military court martial and sentenced to be shot.

Bate belonged to a prominent family in Louisville. He had been engaged to be married while in college, but whether he had been married I don't know. There was a quick consultation among his friends. His old friend Hay was close to the president, the only man who by exercising the pardoning power could save his life. There was one chance, and only one, for Bate. That was to secure Hay's influence for a pardon. But was there time? Would Hay feel that his conscience would permit him to ask such a favor? Would the president's conscience permit him to grant it if asked?

Was not John Hay, as he had humorously said, "the keeper of the president's conscience?"

A friend of the condemned man sped to Washington as quick as train could carry him, bearing a request that Hay would do all in his power to save the life of his old friend and brother in the fraternity of which they were both members.

The messenger on his arrival at the capital, having secured an interview with Hay in his office in the White House, presented the request.

What a singular situation! Two students have been together in many a college symposium, have played many a prank in company. A few years pass. Probably they have not met since those happy college days. Suddenly one is handed a request to save the other's life. And more—if he cannot save it his friend must die!

Hay took the letter through a door communicating with the president's private office, leaving the door ajar. The messenger heard indistinctly some conversation between the president and his secretary; then the words, spoken by Hay, "All I can say is that he is my friend."

"Go over to the pardoning office," replied the president, "have a pardon made out, and I will sign it."

John Hay at that time could not have been more than twenty-two or twenty-three years old, for the incident happened at the beginning of the war—1861 or 1862—and Hay was graduated at college in 1858 at the age of nineteen. Fancy a man filled with the generous impulses of youth receiving such a boon, the gift of a life, and that the life of his friend! We can picture the joy beaming in the young man's countenance as he returns to the messenger with the welcome news, the alacrity with which he seeks the pardon office and, when the document is signed, sends it, with an affectionate message, to his college companion.

President Lincoln when a question came up before him for decision wherein a strict construction of duty forbade clemency never hesitated to act on the side of that kindness which was a part of his nature. He did not seem to dread the blame that would be heaped upon him for interfering with what the world calls justice, or, if he dreaded it, he never permitted it to prevent his sparing a life that depended upon him. Yet all these acts of mercy on account of which his general said that it was impossible to maintain discipline in the army were exercised in cases of soldiers in the ranks. Probably the life of Clarence Bate was the only one spared at the request of one near the president, and no such act has ever been charged against Mr. Lincoln for the purpose of currying favor with a political magnate.

His pupil, Hay, retained to the day of his death that same kindness for which his preceptor was so distinguished. Doubtless there is not a friend of the great secretary's early life who will not testify to the fact that when he was at the height of his power he felt and acted in accordance with the words:

"He is my friend."



## Farm and Garden

### A GOOD STRAWBERRY.

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According to W. T. Macoun, horticulturist of the central experiment farm of the Canadian department of agriculture, the rapid extension of



THE BUSTER STRAWBERRY.

strawberry growing has resulted in the production of very large crops of this valuable fruit, especially in the eastern provinces of the Dominion, where strawberries have come into very general use. The ease with which new varieties of this fruit are produced from seed has resulted in the introduction during the past few years of a large number of new sorts.

The Buster, originated by C. C. Stone of Moline, Ill., is called one of the best varieties. It is roundish, large, bright rather pale red, with not prominent seeds. The flesh is bright red, juicy, bristly subacid, moderately firm, of medium to above in quality. The season is medium late to late, plant vigorous, with medium number of runners; foliage good, but rusts considerably. It keeps its size well.

### FARMERS' BOYS AND GIRLS.

Clubs to Interest Them in Work a Recent Development.

Within recent years a new method of agricultural education has been devised in the form of boys and girls' clubs. Such clubs have various objects, but usually they provide for prize contests among the members. Corn growing contests are probably the most common among the boys, although many other crops have been tried, while the girls compete in bread-making or sewing or even test their skill against that of the boys in gardening.

The United States department of agriculture has information of 395 counties in twenty-eight states in which such clubs are organized, with a total membership of about 144,000. New York has about 75,000 members, Nebraska 25,000 and other states smaller numbers. One county in Pennsylvania has 2,000 members. In most cases these clubs are organized under the auspices of some state authority, but in many cases the county superintendent takes the initiative, while in many other cases the rural teachers arrange contests among their own pupils.

The United States department of agriculture also gives assistance through the office of experiment stations by furnishing advice and suggestions. A new farmers' bulletin on boys and girls' agricultural clubs tells how to organize the clubs, how to conduct the contests and what publications will be useful to the boys and girls.

#### How to Spray Trees.

Assuming that the fruit grower is properly equipped with apparatus and material and ready to apply the spray to the trees, the next question is how to do it. If the day is calm spraying can be done in any direction most convenient. If the wind is light spray so that the wind blows nearly as pos-



SPRAYING TREES.

sible across or at right angles to the rows to be treated. By so doing and working from windward the trees are easily and wholly covered when sprayed on opposite sides.

It should be noted that it is impossible to spray a tree of any size effectively and completely from one side only. In a brisk wind the same rule applies except that only one side of the trees is sprayed, and then watch opportunity and with a changed wind spray the opposite side. By this method the spray will not fall on men or animals, but will be blown through the trees. By the exercise of a little thought and foresight the wind can be made a serviceable ally in spraying. It is quite essential that every part of the tree, trunk, branches, twigs and leaves (if tree is in foliage), should be covered with the solution or mixture.

### YOUNG GIRL RUNS A FARM.

Unique Experience of a Sixteen-year-old Lass of New Jersey.

Sixteen-year-old Edna L. Biting is the youngest farmer in the United States and is considered one of the most expert students of agriculture in New Jersey. She has taken complete charge of Hillside farm, at Harborton, N. J., a property owned by her uncle. The farmers of the state call her the girl wonder and admit that Hillside is one of the most prosperous farms in New Jersey.

Although Miss Biting has only recently taken complete control, she has assisted her uncle for several years. Her father offered to pay the expenses of a college course, but she preferred farming to college and insisted on helping her father.

While at school she passed her vacations with her uncle and soon was able to do the work of a man. She was not satisfied with the knowledge of the laborious part of the work, but took a deeper interest in agriculture and is now considered such an expert that farmers in the vicinity seek her advice.

It is an interesting sight to watch a pretty girl, neatly dressed, giving orders to and overseeing the work of a corps of farm hands, some of whom have been engaged on farms for more than a quarter of a century.

"I wouldn't live in a city if I were given a fortune," declared the girl after she assumed control. "If city girls only knew how sweet country life is they would yearn for it. I intend to make farming my life work, as I think it is as important as some of the professions girls now engage in. Agriculture is dry to read about, but when you have theory and practice combined there is nothing more interesting. My parents do not wish me to become a farmer, but I prefer it to anything else and will visit a city only when absolutely necessary."

Miss Biting has always been considered an unusually bright girl, and she maintained a high standard while attending school. When she declined to enter an agricultural college she said she could master farming from books without further instruction. That she has succeeded even beyond her own expectations she admits and is delighted over the fact.

### HEADING AN APPLE TREE.

Advice on Best Way to Get High Heads Reduced to Low Down Tops.

How to get the old, high headed apple trees reduced to low down tops is a matter of considerable interest. In case of a severe infestation of San Jose scale practically the whole top of the tree down to stubs, six or seven feet from the main trunk, has been cut off, although it is preferable to leave some branches if possible. Many small water sprouts will start, and



A LOW HEADED APPLE TREE.

these should be thinned out judiciously the following summer. Those left will ultimately form the new head.

It is practically impossible to destroy a severe infestation of the scale where the branches of the tree are left high up. In ordinary cases, however, where there is little scale, such severe treatment is not advisable, but two or three years should be taken to accomplish this heading in. The first year only one-third to one-half of the main branches should be cut severely—that is, from six to twelve feet from where they fork. The rest of the top should be cut back to a limited extent. Water sprouts will grow on the large branches near where they fork from the trunk, and the best of these should be allowed to grow, the balance being thinned out the following summer. The next year this same process should be repeated, and so on until an entirely new top can be constructed, ready for business. This will be in from two to five years, according to the condition of the tree. Where such severe cutting back is practiced great care must be exercised in the treatment of the wounds by painting or tarring for the first few years; otherwise canker may set in and the branches decay. The above directions are for constructing a new top without any attempt to change the variety. Should one wish to graft the top to a new variety conditions would have to be somewhat modified.

#### Root Celery.

Not every one knows there is a variety of celery which makes a large root like a turnip and is an exceedingly fine salad vegetable.

The seed is sown and the plants are planted exactly the same as the better known varieties, but when the roots have grown large enough, which is by the middle of autumn, they are dug up as wanted, the tops are trimmed off and the bulbs are then cleaned and scraped and boiled tender. They are then sliced and laid in weak vinegar, to be served like pickles, or they may be served with cream or French dressing, the same as potato salad. The flavor is mild and delicious.

## A SCOTTISH LEGEND.

The Story of the Knight With the White Feather.

### TWO COURAGEOUS WARRIORS.

Heroic Alexander Hume and His Still More Heroic Fellow Soldier and Protector—The Sad Sequel to the Battle That Was Lost.

The heraldic arms of the Scotch town of Selkirk show a woman seated on a tomb, on which is also placed the Scottish lion. The legend told about the arms is this: King James IV. of Scotland, who was about to invade England, needed recruits for his enterprise. The town clerk of Selkirk, William Brydone, tried his best to aid his king by persuading his fellow countrymen to enlist in the royal cause. So earnest was he that he is said to have moved over a hundred lusty Scots to join his standard. Among these was one of the name of Alexander Hume. This man was a shoemaker of the town of Selkirk. He was strong, stalwart, bold and an excellent workman. Brydone was very glad to welcome him, as he reckoned him quite the best man of the hundred, and his comrades, who were also brave men and true, cheered him as he appeared among them, such confidence had they in his wisdom, prudence, valor and strength.

Hume's wife, Margaret, was a fine young woman and very fond and proud of her brave, strong husband. Now, Margaret did not at all like this proposed invasion of England. She felt that it would mean great trouble to the Scotch people, who would certainly be vanquished by their strong enemy, and the thought came to her that her own brave husband might perhaps lose his life in the struggle. She therefore used all her best efforts to keep him at home. She pleaded in vain. Alexander was firm. At last she held up to his face their little five-months-old daughter and asked who would look after the child if he should die and who would keep her from misery and misfortune.

Hume loved his wife and child, and these appeals brought the tears to his eyes, but they did not break down his resolution, which he had girt about him as armor. Nothing could move him to become untrue to his king and country.

Finding that no entreaties could move him, Margaret at last gave way to anger and told him that his eager desire to be thought the bravest man of Selkirk would not supply the child he was bound to work for with a bite of bread. She said even more than this. Her tones grew higher, and one word led to another, as you know it will, until the couple parted in anger, he to the field of battle and she to remain at home.

Alexander had not gone far before it flashed across the mind of his wife that perhaps she might never see him alive again. Unable to control herself, she flung the child into its crib and rushed out of the house. She must see her husband again and get from him one parting glance or word of reconciliation. She hurried through the town, she sought everywhere for him, but he was nowhere to be seen. He had gone off with his comrades. The poor wife wept bitterly. Her grief was deep.

Hume and his fellows were soon engaged in battle. He displayed the greatest bravery. Wherever he went numbers of the enemy fell. In every direction upon the field of battle he was seen. His companions kept well up to him, and in particular one man who had lately joined the party. This man fought with a courage equal to that of Hume himself, keeping continually beside him and defending him in many perils. Once when an Englishman from behind drew very near to the Scot this soldier struck the cowardly fellow to the earth just as he was inserting his spear between the clasps of Hume's armor. Hume called to the brave fellow and demanded his name, even in the midst of the fight, but the stranger said that that was no matter.

This generous soldier wore a leather jacket and an iron helmet, in which there was placed a small white feather. Wherever Hume fought on the battlefield there might be seen beside him the iron helmet and the white feather.

At last the battle ended in defeat for the Scotch, who scattered in all directions. Hume, who, with other soldiers, was obliged to lie concealed in the forest for some time, took the first opportunity of inquiring after his faithful attendant. But all his inquiries were without avail. He could not trace him. Nothing could he learn of him but that he had disappeared when the fight was over.

Alexander Hume hurried to his cottage. He was anxious to see again his beloved wife and bestow upon her the kiss of reconciliation. When he reached it he listened at the door, and his heart beat fast. He had kind words to say to her from whom he had parted in anger, and his deep wounds needed dressing. He lifted the latch and walked in. All was still. No wife came to meet him; no child's cry met his ear. On looking round the room he saw seated in an armchair the knight who had fought so bravely beside him in the battle, wearing the same leather jacket, iron helmet and white feather. That person was Margaret Hume. She was dead and clasped in her dead arms the little child.

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